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Savage Fighting In Paris Riot Clashes

Japan Presents Demands

SHANGHAI TO-DAY.
THE SHARP ATTENTION OF CHINESE POLITICAL CIRCLES HAS SUDDENLY BECOME RE-FOCUSSED UPON JAPANESE ACTIVITIES IN NORTH CHINA AS THE RESULT OF TWO FRESH DEVELOPMENTS.

The first is the presentation of a series of Japanese demands upon General Sung Cheh-yuan, Chairman of the Hpei-Charhar Political Council, in connection with the alleged killing of two Korean smugglers by Chinese militiamen.

Secondly, some anxiety is felt regarding what is being discussed at a conference of Japanese military leaders in Tientsin.

Japan's demands include a ban upon the use of arms against "special traders." The usual punitive and indemnity clauses, punishment of the guilty, etc.

It is believed that the main subject before the Tientsin conference has reference to the activities of Japanese secret service agents in North China.

CHENGCHOW INCIDENT

Major-General Kita, Military Attache to the Embassy, is expected in Tientsin from Nanking tomorrow in order to report to the conferees the result of his discussions with the Chinese authorities at Nanking and Kaifeng regarding the Chengchow espionage case.

Meanwhile, the Japanese economic mission has returned to Shanghai from Nanking after discussing Sino-Japanese economic co-operation with leading Government officials.—Reuter.

Riviera Ravaged By Storms

Nice, To-day.
Considerable damage has been done all along the Riviera by a succession of storms which have been ravaging the south coast of France for two days.

The giant Italian liner, "Conte di Savoia" was unable to land passengers at Villefranche yesterday owing to unusually heavy seas, while

SIX KILLED IN ANTI-FASCIST DISORDERS

Paris, To-day.

Six were killed and 200 injured in a serious clash in the Clichy quarter of Paris between Fascists, anti-Fascists and police yesterday.

FOUR OF THE KILLED WERE DEMONSTRATORS AND TWO POLICE, WHILE THE 200 INJURED INCLUDED 50 POLICE.

THE TROUBLE STARTED WHEN LEFTISTS TRIED TO BREAK UP A MEETING WHICH WAS BEING HELD IN A CINEMA BY THE SOCIAL PARTY, A FRENCH FASCIST ORGANISATION.

The cinema became a shambles and the fighting spread to the street, where ambulances, their sirens going continuously, rushed madly up and down the street removing the wounded.

Revolver Shooting

Thousands participated in the fighting, in which stones were thrown and bottles and pieces of iron used, while much firing of revolvers took place.

The Leftists tore up railings

Piracy Warning

Information has been received that a gang of eight pirates have left the Bias Bay area for an unknown destination during the last nine days, presumably with the intention of committing piracy.

around trees in the boulevard and hurled them against the police, hundreds of whom had been called out, and who were trying to prevent additional bodies of demonstrators from breaking through to the cinema where the meeting was being held.

Mobile Guards Charge

The Mobile Guards eventually lined up and charged the mob, this action effectively clearing the street.

The injured were about equally divided between the two sides, and included the Mayor of Clichy and M. Blumel, head of the Prime Minister's personal staff.

M. Blumel had hastened to the scene when news of the disturbance was reported.

He was hit by revolver shots in the armpit and leg but his condition is not dangerous.—Reuter.

many fishing boats are reported to have foundered.—Trans-Ocean.

AVALANCHE BURIES HOTEL

MILAN, TO-DAY.

ONE WAS KILLED WHILE FOUR OTHERS HAD AMAZING ESCAPES FROM DEATH YESTERDAY WHEN AN AVALANCHE BURIED THE HOTEL IN WHICH THEY WERE STAYING.

The accident occurred at Falzarego, near the River Falzarego, in the Dolomites.

The hotel was completely engulfed by the mass of snow and earth which rushed down the mountainside with a deep roar.

Rescuers hastened to the spot from the nearby village and after several hours labour, managed to extract the four men.

There were apparently none the worse for their harrowing experience but the fourth man, the hotel chef, died from injuries.—Trans-Ocean.

Death Of Viscountess Rothermere

Cannes, To-day.

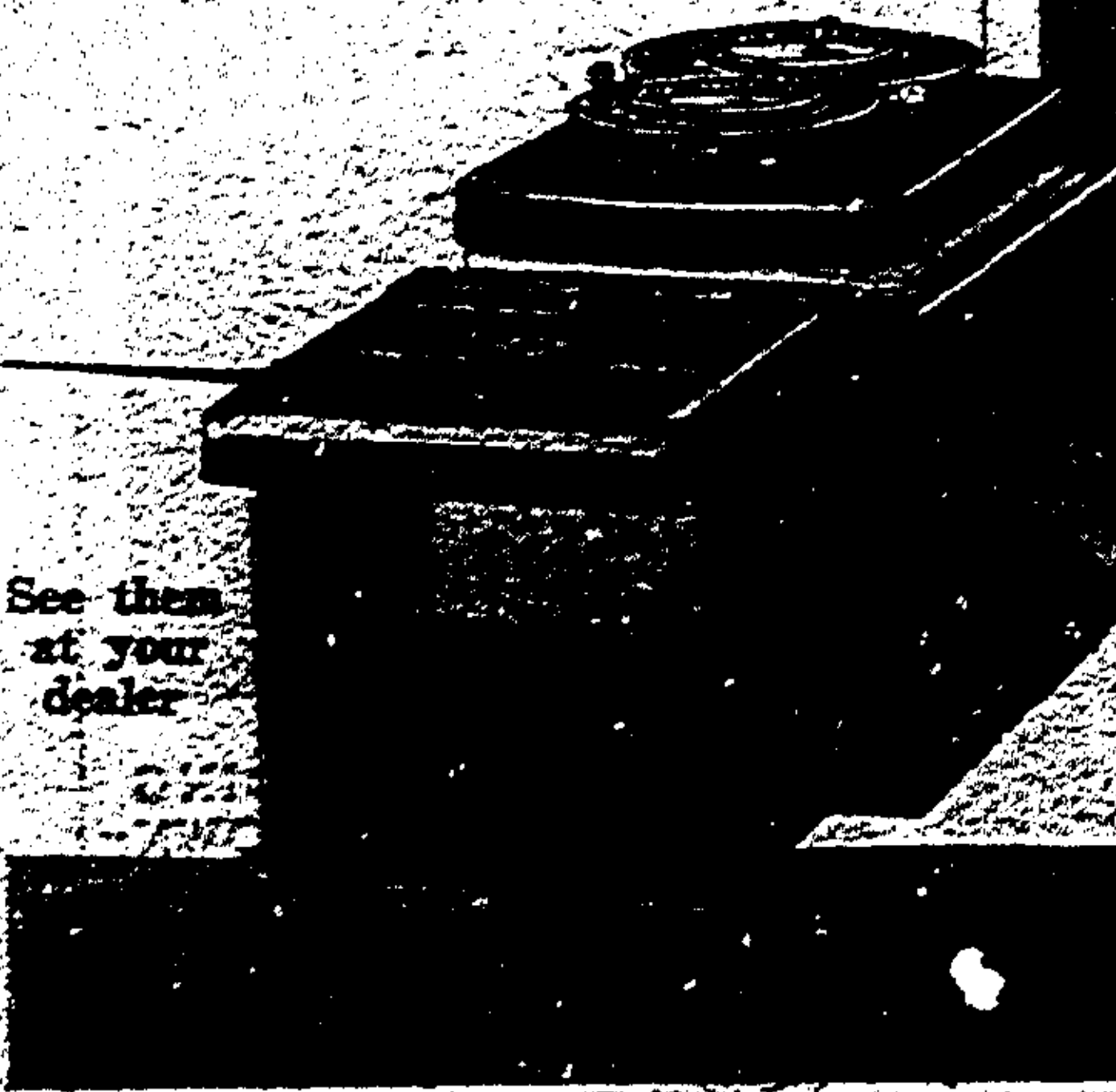
The death occurred here yesterday of Viscountess Rothermere, wife of the newspaper magnate and owner of the *Daily Mail*, *Daily Mirror*, *London Evening News* and other papers.—Reuter.

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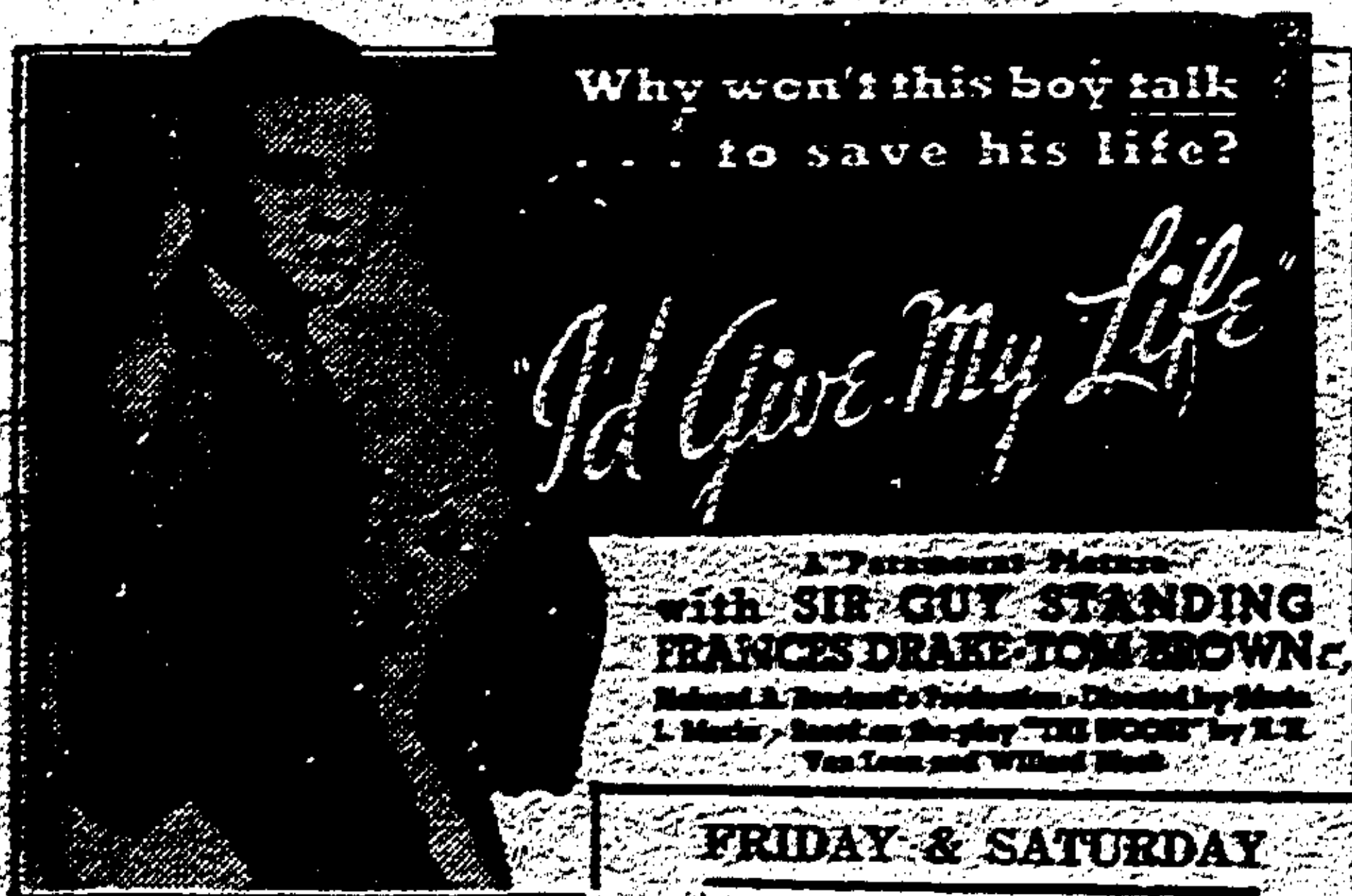
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

"CRIME OF DR. FORBES"ROBERT KENT
with GLORIA STUART**PROTECTION
OF
CHILDREN**Society And Mui Tsai
Report**LONG DISCUSSION**

The question whether the Society for the Protection of Children should make representations to the Government on the mui-tsai problem, following the publication of the report of the Commission of Inquiry on the subject, was debated at considerable length at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society on Monday, over which Mr. J. T. Prior presided.

The view was finally expressed that until the complete report was available to the Society, no useful purpose could be served by taking the matter up, but that any member of the Committee, after reading the report, could, if he so wished, place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting, on due notice being given.

The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Mary Barker, Hon. General Secretary, on her impending departure from the Colony, and Mrs. D. G. McAvoy was appointed to the vacancy. The Committee expressed its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Barker.

POVERTY CASES

The case report for February showed that 97 new cases had been dealt with during the month, and that 1,013 cases were under supervision at the end of the month. Of the new cases, 81 were in respect of poverty alone. There was only one case of ill-treatment. Milk or other food had been supplied in 70 cases.

The average income per head per month of cases reported was \$1.83. Inspectors paid 340 visits to homes, while 2,471 persons called at the Society's offices.

The finance report for February showed excess of expenditure over income totalling \$631.

A letter was read from Mr. George Goncharoff stating that he proposed to hold a dancing display at the King's Theatre on April 1, and that 25 per cent of the net proceeds would be devoted to the Society. The Committee expressed its appreciation of this offer.

LORD PASSFIELD'S TRIBUTE

A letter was read from Lord Passfield, former Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging receipt of the seventh annual report of the Society. "Such an enterprise," said Lord Passfield, "accomplishes much more than the alleviation of pain and suffering among those whom it relieves and saves. It cannot fail, in addition, in bringing about a wider feeling of humanity among all whom it touches."

A sub-committee consisting of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. J. T. Prior and M. J. L. MacPherson was appointed to report on the incorporation or registration of the Society.

Those present at the meeting, in addition to the Chairman were the Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Lady MacGregor, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, Sir William Hornell, the Rev. H. W. Beines, Mrs. M. Barker, Mr. and

**SUNDAY'S BAND
CONCERT**Attractive Peninsula
Hotel Programme

An attractive programme is to be presented for the evening concert at the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday when the Band of the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles, by permission of Lt.-Col. Rodwell and officers, will provide the music, assisted by Anne Winter and Eileen Hole.

The programme is appended:

1. March of the Peers from the Opera "Iolanthe".
2. Overture—"Raymond", Ambrose Thomas.
The Opera "Raymond" was produced in 1851. The composer, whose works include several operas and Ballets, was at one time Director of the Paris Conservatoire. This sparkling overture together with that to "Mignon", also by Thomas, ranks high among standard overtures.
3. Anne Winter, Soprano. Waltz Song from "Romeo and Juliet". Gounod.
4. Grand Irish Fantasia "Let Erin Remember", Fridt Brase.

Colonel Fritz Brase, a German by birth, has produced several Irish Fantasias and other characteristics works, since taking over directorship of the Free State Army Bands. This, No. 1, is probably his best effort. The work begins with an impressive introduction, following with a number of Irish folks songs are introduced, with massive treatment and occasional thrilling climax. The Finale, bringing in "Let Erin Remember", is tremendous and Brilliant.

5. Eileen Hole, Contralto.
(a) "The Hills of Donegal", Sanderson.
(b) "Danny Boy" (Derry Air) Weatherley.

6. Excerpts from the Opera "Carmen", Bizet.
This opera, which was produced in 1875 has grown steadily in popularity and suffices to rank Bizet with the greatest of French composers. The selection contains some of the best-known airs.

Interval

7. Melodious Memories.
Recalled by Herman Finck.
A potpourri of the fascinating airs which haunted the memories of music-lovers in the past. There are 74 tunes, only one of each composer being chosen. These tunes range from grave to gay, lively to languid, and indicate in some degree variations which have taken place in the public taste.

8. Anne Winter. "One Fine Day" (from "Madame Butterfly") Puccini.

9. A Selection of Irish Airs.
arr. Myddleton.
Introducing: "The Minstrel Boy", "Off in the Shilly Night", "Rakes of Marrow", "To Ladies' Eyes", "The Rose Tree", "Norah Creina", "Paddy Whack", "St. Patrick's Day", "Teddy O'Neale", "Garry Owen", "Rory O'More", "Savourreen Deelish", "The Young May Moon", "Thady You Gander", "The Irish Washerwoman", "Wearing of the Green", "Tara's Halls".
10. Thomas Gibson. Saxophone Solos.
(a) Valse Erica. Wiedoeft.
(b) "Sax-o-goodie". Wiedoeft.
11. Selection from "Cavalcade".

Noel Coward.
Introducing: "Lover of my Dreams", "Soldiers of the Queen", "Good-bye my Bluebell", "Soldiers in the Park", "Good-bye Dolly Gray", "I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside", "Alexander's Ragtime Band", "It's a Long Way to Tipperary", "Pack Up Your Troubles in your Old Kit-Bag", "The Long Trail", "Dance Little Lady", "Twentieth Century Blues".

The Rev. K. Mackenzie-Dow will lead the Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group on Sunday. His subject will be "The Resurrection: Fact or Legend?"

Mrs. A. Hicks, Mrs. McAvoy, Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Middleton Smith, Mrs. Crozier, Dr. (Mrs.) Nash, Miss Brazier, Messrs. J. L. MacPherson, G. P. de Martin, F. H. Loseby, S. V. Boxer, J. M. Noronha, J. Middleton Smith, L. D. Skinner, A. McKellar, and D. Black.

THE WORLD GOES BY

"THE Federation has never been against the putting of safety devices on machinery, so long as they did not decrease the machinery's usefulness."—Report in *Manchester Guardian*.

In other words, I suppose, "We'll stop you being killed provided it doesn't affect our output."

Without Comment

"The happiest time of the year in an Englishman's life is from the middle of August to the middle of January. Why? Because of the grouse, partridge and pheasant shooting—the things he really likes best."—*Vogue*.

Religious Opinion

"We say quite frankly that any man who doesn't come to church and say his prayers at the Coronation has the intellect of a rabbit and the emotions of a caterpillar."—*Church Magazine*.

There are going to be a lot of creepy-crawly folk going about with a weakness for fresh lettuce.

Bargain Sale

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Shame

"This year Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Lawson-Johnston have not sent out a photograph of their house in Cadogan-place with them 'on the balcony, as they did last year. Instead, their card has a view of the Mappin Terraces at the Zoo."—*Home paper*.

The way the home papers get away with it is just terrible.

Superwoman

"£2 a week and a modern cottage are offered to a lady who could undertake the work of two cows, horse and small garden. Apply with full particulars to E., Box 110."—*Advt*.

Put me down for a gallon of milk, lady!

Barbs

Ed. Wynn, says film press sheet, has 1000 coats and 300 hats.

We think the average person has more sales resistance.

In a duel, both a Budapest doctor and his opponent were wounded.

Probably just carelessness.

Egg production is being stepped up by modern methods.

Development of the first hens' sit-down strike might be worth watching.

The Valencia Government has told the League of Nations that Italians

BRITAIN'S NEXT BUDGET

Surplus For This Year Expected

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is believed that Mr. Baldwin will announce the date for the presentation of the Budget before the end of this week.

Most gratifying feature of the situation from the Chancellor's point of view is that he will probably be in a position to announce that, in spite of the tremendous burden of supplementary expenditure for the speeding-up re-armament, the year closed with a Budget surplus.

Revenue is now coming in at a pace considerably exceeding expenditure and the deficit that appeared likely a month ago is rapidly being wiped off. Treasury experts anticipate that the surplus will be in the region of £4,000,000 to £5,000,000.

REVENUE'S RISE

In these circumstances, which definitely indicate that revenue from ordinary sources are swelling appreciably, a development which is likely to increase rather than otherwise in the coming fiscal period, Mr. Chamberlain will not be presented with great difficulties in finding new sources of income for his £200,000,000 which he must find to finance that part of rearmament that is to come out of current income.

An increase in the income tax, by threepence in the pound is considered certain by all observers, but there is a conflict of opinion regarding where he will go for the balance.

Additional beer duty is thought likely despite the opposition of the brewing interests, while the question in the House of Commons, disclosing that the Treasury received £77,000,000 from tobacco tax is thought to have been put for the purpose of suggesting to the Chancellor that tobacco is already bearing a sufficient burden.

COLONY'S VITAL STATISTICS

Diphtheria Outbreak On The Wane

Nine cases of cerebro-spinal fever (eight deaths) five of diphtheria (three deaths), seven of typhoid, and six of dysentery (one death) were reported to the Health Department last week.

Deaths attributed to tuberculosis during the week totalled 66.

Yesterday, three further cases of cerebro-spinal fever were reported.

The as "President Cleveland" on her return trip from Manila, will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco at midnight on March 24 instead of March 26, as previously arranged.

are fighting in Spain.

There was no sense in keeping it a secret any longer.

A kidnapper named Brunette was trapped by G-men in New York.

The first time the authorities weren't seeking a mysterious blond.

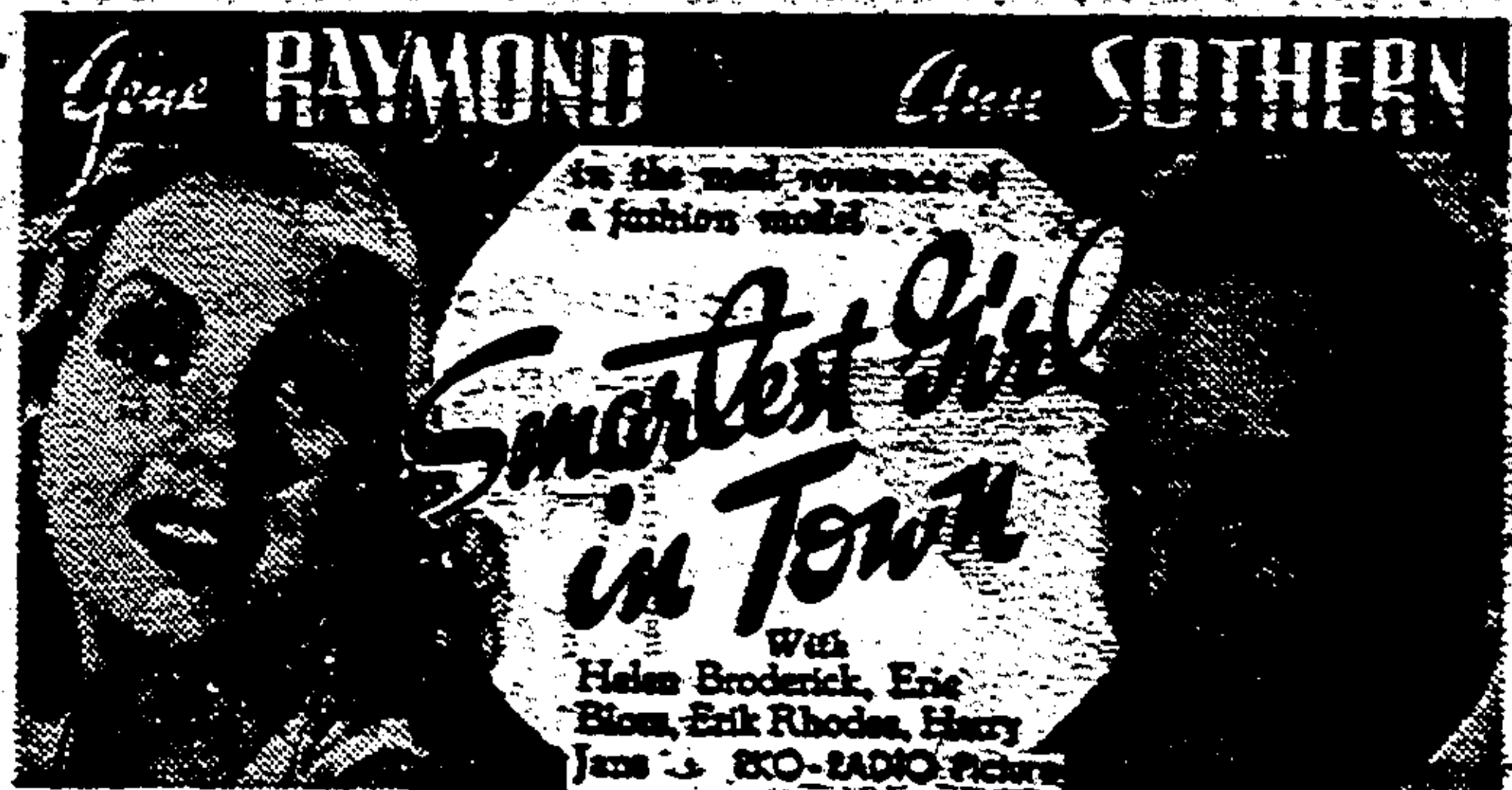
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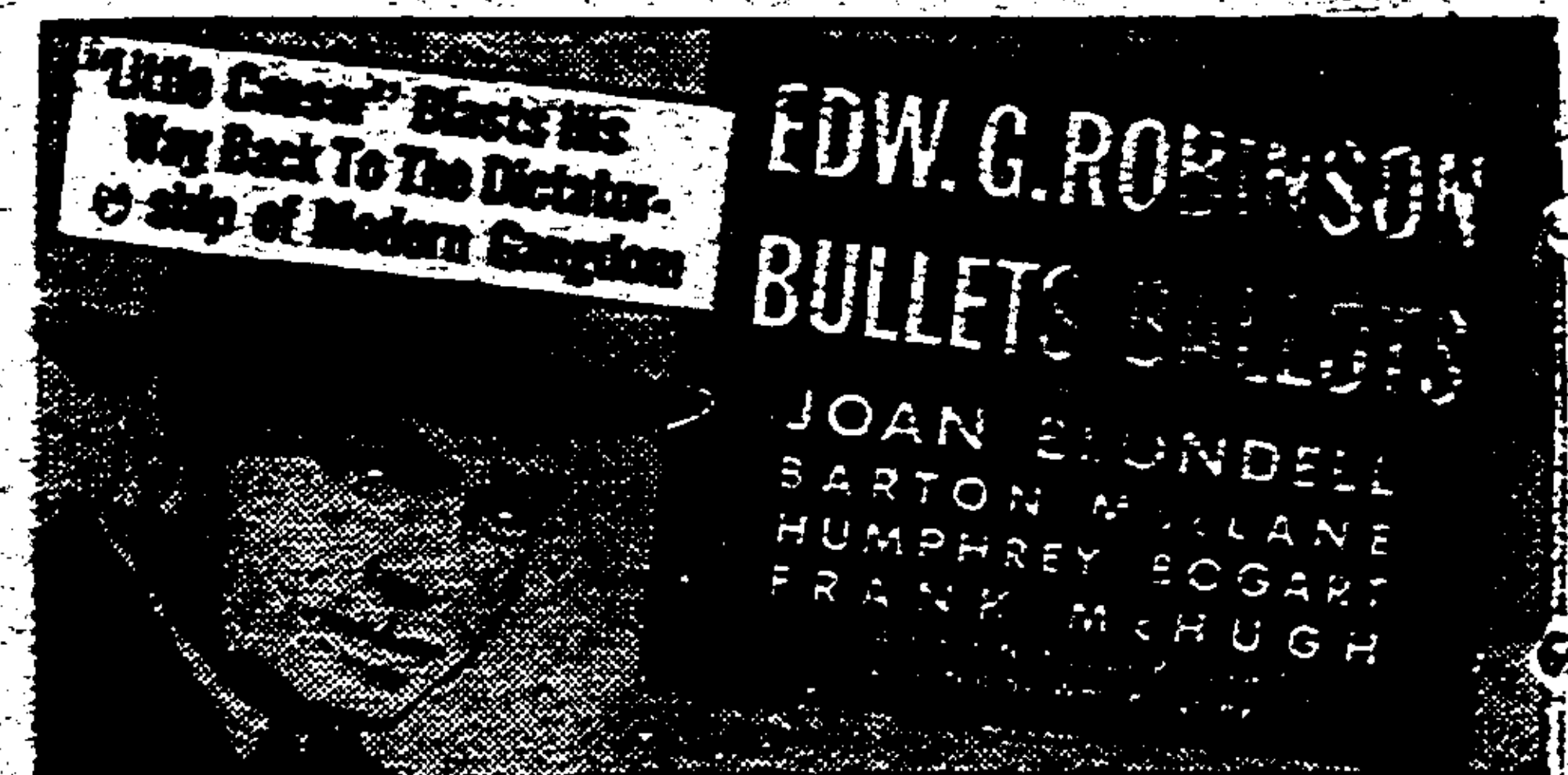


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ARMY ESTIMATES PRESENTED

MORE WHOLESALE MECHANISATION OF MOBILE BRIGADES

—LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE NECESSITY FOR GREAT BRITAIN MAINTAINING A HIGHLY MOBILE BODY OF TROOPS, WHICH COULD BE SENT TO THE REMOTEST CORNERS OF THE GLOBE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE, WAS STRESSED BY THE SECRETARY FOR WAR, MR. A. DUFF COOPER, IN INTRODUCING THE ARMY ESTIMATES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

MR. DUFF COOPER SAID THAT THE EXPERIENCES OF THE LAST 12 YEARS, A PERIOD GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF PEACE BUT DURING WHICH HARDLY A SINGLE YEAR HAD PASSED WITHOUT SOME SPECIAL AND UNEXPECTED SITUATION ARISING TO INTERFERE WITH THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ARMY, SHOULD CONVINCE THE HOUSE THAT AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE EQUIPPED TO THE HIGHEST POINT OF EFFICIENCY, MUST AT ALL TIMES BE MAINTAINED.

Dealing with contemplated developments, he said it had been decided that a mobile brigade containing only one tank regiment would be lacking in punch and power, and in future a mobile brigade would consist of a fully mechanised infantry battalion with two light tank regiments.

They were highly satisfied with the latest design of light tank, which they believed had no superior if it had an equal. Light tanks were now being turned out in large numbers.

By the end of the year it was hoped to complete mechanisation of the artillery.

An additional member of the Army Council and Director-General of Munitions Production had been appointed during the past year, and Engineer Vice-Admiral Sir Harold Brown had been selected for the post.

COMPLETE RE-EQUIPMENT

They were making considerable progress in the great task of re-equipping the whole army.

The Territorial Army to-day was stronger by 861 officers and 15,295 other ranks than it was a year ago.

Great numbers of young men of the right type were coming forward to join the anti-aircraft di-

visions.

It had been decided that provision of the Territorial Army with modern equipment sufficient for purposes of training should proceed simultaneously so far as circumstances permitted, with equipment of the regular Army, thus modifying last year's decision that providing the Territorial Army with modern equipment must be postponed until the demands of the regular Army had been satisfied.

Government had decided that in regard to the cadet movement, similar financial assistance would be extended as it had enjoyed before recognition was withdrawn.

ARMY AS CAREER

Dealing with recruitment for the regular Army, he said they had to make an army career more practical, more profitable and more pleasant.

Great development of vocational training facilities was now envisaged to train soldiers for civilian employment on leaving the army, and the men would go as civilians to the Ministry of Labour training centres after they left the Colours.

He indicated a number of reforms in the ordinary curriculum of army life, which he hoped would increase the popularity of the service.—British Wireless and Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO CANTON

FULL PROGRAMME DRAWN UP FOR WEEK-END ENTERTAINMENT

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Lin Yau-chung, personal representative of General Huang Mu-sung, left for Shinkwan last night, to welcome Sir Hughe M. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador to China.

Mr. Philip K. C. Tyan, Special Delegate for Foreign Affairs for the two Kwangs, and Mr. R. C. Blunt, the British Consul-general in Canton, have arranged the programme for the visit of Sir Hughe and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen in Canton. Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen will arrive from Hong Kong to join the official party on Friday.

The programme arranged is as follows:—

Canton officials will assemble at the Wopshu station of the Canton-Hankow Railway to welcome Sir Hughe who will arrive at 10.40 p.m. to-morrow.

At 9.30 a.m. on Friday, Sir Hughe will call on General Yu Han-man, Pacification Commissioner for Kwang-

tung, General Huang Mu-sung, Governor of Kwangtung, and Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, Mayor of Canton.

From 3.30 to 4.50 p.m., Generals Yu and Huang and Mr. Tseng will return the visit.

At 7.30 p.m., Sir Hughe and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen will attend a banquet given by Generals Yu and Huang in their honour.

At 1.00 p.m. on Saturday, Sir Hughe and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen will attend a luncheon party given by Mr. R. C. Blunt, the British Consul-general.

At 3 p.m., Sir Hughe and his party will visit the 72 Heroes' Tomb, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Memorial Hall and other famous places in the city.

At 5.00 p.m., Sir Hughe and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen will attend a banquet at the Municipal Reception Hall given by Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, the Canton Mayor, in their honour.

At 12.30 p.m. on Monday, Sir Hughe and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen will attend a luncheon party by the Association of Returned Students from England.

Sir Hughe and party will leave Canton for Hong Kong on Wednesday at 1.10 p.m.—Our Own Correspondent.

St. Patrick's Day Talk And Musical Programme

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Light Concert Items.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Irish Music.
Accordeon Solo—
Mason's Apron—Reel,
Frank Murphy.
Song—
Shannon River (Egan—Morgan),
John McCormack (Tenor).
Accordeon Solo—
Mayo Hornpipe... Frank Murphy.
Songs—
Phil The Fluter's Ball (French),
With my Shillelagh under my arm
(O'Brien & Wallace)... Peter
Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
The Mountains of Mourne
(Collinson, arr. French).
Rory O'Moore (Trans: Fred Hart-
ley)... Brian Lawrence with
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Haynes),
Father O'Flynn (Graves—Stan-
ford)... Billy Scott-Coomber,
(Tenor).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-
tions and Hong Kong Exchange
Market Report.
7.33 p.m.—Paul Whiteman and His
Concert Orchestra.
"The Chocolate Soldier"
(O. Strauss)—My Hero—Waltz.
When Day is done (De Sylva—
Katscher).
"On Your Toes" (Hart & Rodgers)—
Slaughter on Tenth Avenue.
7.50 p.m.—From the Studio.
"St. Patrick's" A Talk by R. M. C.
Dobbs.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.
8.03 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Ignaz
Friedman.
Mazurka, Op. 41, No. 1 (Chopin).
Invitation to the Dance (Weber).
8.16 p.m.—The London Palladium Or-
chestra.
Blue Devil's March (Williams,
arr. Lotter).
Aisha (Lindsay).
Japanese Carnival (Andre de

Basque),
Marche Symphonique (Savino).
Lightning Switch (Alford).
The Valley of the Poppies
(Ancliffe).
A Birthday Serenade (Lincke).
8.40 p.m.—From the Studio.
Recital of Irish Songs by Molly Por-
tallion (Contralto).
8.55 p.m.—London—News and An-
nouncements.
9.15 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
Piano Solo—
Variations on "Tipperary",
Renara.
Humorous—
Knock, knock—who's there?
Vic Oliver and Sarah Churchill.
Vocal—
What have you done to my heart?
Clarrie Wright and the
Twilight Serenaders.
Organ Solo—
"Chorus Gentlemen, please,
Reginald Dixon.
Vocal—
Thru' the courtesy of love,
Denny Dennis.
Orchestra—Cuban Serenade,
Barnabas von Geazy and
His Orchestra.

Commentary From London On The Lincolnshire

Vocal—Easy to love,
Frances Day (Soprano).
Accordeon Solo—
Black and White,
Viljo Vesterinen.
Vocal—"Home and Beauty" (C. B.
Cochran's Coronation Revue)...
Magda Neeld, Janet Lind and
Webster Booth.
Orchestra—"Head over Heels" Selec-
tion—Louis Levy and His Gau-
mont-British Symphony.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—
Every minute of the hour,
All my life.
It's great to be in love again.
Until to-day.
Quick-Step—
Got to dance my way to Heaven.
Blues—The Scene Changes.
Fox-Trot—
Everybody's swingin' it now.
Ev'ry time I look at you.
Moon over Miami.
Waltz—Song of the islands.
10.30 p.m.—London—"The Lincolnshire
Handicap". A running commentary
from the Lincoln Race Course.
10.50 p.m.—London—The Band of His
Majesty's Irish Guards.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

The Four-Five No Trump Slam Convention

When the primary requirements for a slam attempt are held (a powerful trump suit and at least six and one-half honour tricks, with an available side suit which may be established) a player may determine how many aces he and his partner hold, as well as how strong their long suits are, by the use of the four-five no trump convention.

A bid of four no trump, after a game has been reached, or after there has been a strength showing bid by either partner, is unconditionally forcing. You may bid four no trump when you hold:

1. Three aces or

2. Two aces and the king of any suit previously bid by you or your partner.

Since this is a forcing bid it must not be used except when it is almost certain that a contract of five odd may be made.

The Dark Ages

"Do you remember the hand," Waldy von Zedtwitz asked me recently when we were reminiscing over the first Anglo-American match, "on which both the English and our team climbed briskly up to five hearts and then hung there? The one in which the slam was a laydown?"

"I certainly do!" I answered. "And what a cinch it would have been to arrive at the slam safely by the use of asking bids. If only I had thought of them six years earlier than I did!"

This was the hand.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S 9 5

H K J 9 7 3

D J 8 5

C K Q 8

WEST

S 7 8

H Q 5

D K 9 6 3 2

C A 10 5 2

EAST

S J 10 6 2

H 6

D Q 10 7 4

C J 6 4 3

SOUTH

S A K Q 8 4

H A 10 8 4 2

D A

C 9 7

The American bidding was:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	2 hearts	Pass
5 hearts	Pass	Pass	Pass

It must be remembered that this also was before the invention of the four-five no trump convention. Not that it would have been valuable on this particular hand. Manifestly, from South's point of view, the slam depended squarely on North's ability to control the first or second lead of clubs. But, naturally enough, North could not tell that that was the consideration and, rather than shut his eyes and "stab," discreetly passed. The English team reached the same anomalous contract.

To-day the problem would be solved easily and without jeopardising a game any more than did the five heart slam try actually used. With asking bids the vital information could be safely extracted, as follows:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	2 hearts	Pass
4 clubs	Pass	4 hearts	Pass
5 clubs	Pass	5 no trump	Pass
6 hearts	Pass	Pass	Pass

The five club repeat asking bid would ferret out the vital information without putting the contract beyond the safe five heart level, the same level reached fruitlessly in the actual bidding. If North's diamonds and clubs were reversed, obviously he would sign off at five hearts.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Both sides were vulnerable. The dealer bid one spade, second hand (my partner over-called with two diamonds. Third hand doubled. I held: S Q 10 8 7 5 H K 10 8 D 5 C K J 9 4. What was my correct call?

Answer: Generally speaking, a rescue is a dangerous policy. But with this very fair hand outside of the diamond suit, two no trump appears to offer a good escape.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"The Man I Marry," with Doris Nolan, Michael Whalen, "Chic" Sale and Nigel Bruce. A rollicking romantic comedy in which Doris Nolan, Universal's new-est find, gives an outstanding performance.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Show Boat" with Helen Morgan, Charles Winninger, Helen Westley and Paul Robeson. Music, romance and drama are the main items in this picture, while the smart dancing of Queenie Smith and Sammy White are also featured.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Bullets or Ballots," with Edward G. Robinson, Joan Blondell, Barton MacLane and Humphrey Bogart. A thrilling drama of racketeers.

AT THE STAR—"I'd Give My Life," with Sir Guy Standing, Francis Drake and Tom Brown. A thrilling and forceful story adapted from the famous stage play of ten years ago "The Noose," which ends with a smashing and dramatic surprise.

AT THE QUEENS—"Smartest Girl in Town," with Gene Raymond, Ann Sothern, Helen Broderick and Eric Blore. Delightful humour is combined with a fast moving plot to give the fullest play to the versatile talents of one of the screen's most popular romantic teams.

AT THE KING'S—"China Clipper" with Pat O'Brien, Bevezley Roberts, Ross Alexander, Humphreys Bogart and Henry B. Walthall. A glamorous romance of the air, marking a milestone in the pictorial history of daring American aviation.

COMING PICTURES

"Pennies From Heaven" with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows

and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

"Craig's Wife"—with Rosalind Russell and John Boles. The Pulitzer Prize play. The story of a woman who lived for the strongest love ever conceived and makes you hate her as you never hated a screen player before. Coming to the King's Theatre.

"Satan Met A Lady"—with Bette Davis, Warren William, Alison Skipworth, Arthur Treacher and Winifred Shaw. A new thriller from the author of "The Thin Man" which will keep you in laughter from start to finish, coming to the King's.

"Avenge Waters"—with Ken Maynard, Beth Marion and Ward Bond. A roaring romance of the west packed with spine-thrilling adventures. Coming to the Alhambra.

"One In A Million". Introduces lovely Sonja Henie, Queen of the Silvery Skates, for the first time to movie fans. In addition to the world's champion figure-skater, the film includes Adolphe Menjou. Coming to the Queen's.

"White Hunter"—with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of savage passions. Coming to the Queen's.

"Reunion"—When Dr. Luke brings his 3,000th baby into the world, his youngsters decide on a reunion with the Quints as centrepiece. Some astonishing things happen as governors, film stars, crooks and would-be divorcees descend on the little Canadian hamlet. Cast includes Jean Hersholt, Rochelle Hudson, Helen Vinson, Slim Summerville, Robert Kerr, Alan Dinehart, and the Quintuplets. Coming to the Queen's.



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Franco-British View Of German Proposals.

LONDON BREAKDOWN

NON-INTERVENTION DISCUSSION

SOVIET NOTE ON MONETARY SIDE

London, To-day.

A deadlock was reached at the meeting of the non-intervention sub-committee yesterday morning when the question of financial aid to either side in Spain was discussed.

A Soviet Note to the Chairman, Lord Plymouth, stated that Russia was willing to discuss the question of financial assistance to Spain in principle, but refused to agree to any discussion affecting the assets of the Spanish Government, including gold owned by the Bank of Spain.

There was a lengthy debate on this question without any solution being reached.

In view of the deadlock on this matter, the Italian and German representatives were unwilling to agree to discussion of any further outstanding questions, including that of withdrawal of volunteers.—Reuter.

BOARD MEETING

A Communique states that the subcommittee of the International Committee for the application of the agreement regarding non-intervention in Spain, to-day agreed that at present the most important task is to ensure the effective establishment of an international board with a view to putting the scheme for the observation of the Spanish frontier into full operation at the earliest possible moment.

Immediate arrangements are, therefore being, made for meetings of the board to be held with a view to settling, with the utmost despatch, all outstanding details in regard to the working of the observation scheme. The first full meeting of the board will be held to-morrow.—British Wireless.

ARAB TROUBLES IN PALESTINE

Sir Arthur Wauchope Hurrying Back

London, To-day.

Conditions in Palestine have grown worse in the past 48 hours. Sir Arthur Wauchope, the High Commissioner, who has been in England since February, is reported to be hurrying back to Jerusalem, having made arrangements to leave Croydon by air on Thursday, hoping to be in Palestine on Friday.—Trans-Ocean.

The body of Lee Hoi, a dock worker, was removed to the Public Mortuary after he had been fatally injured by a fall into the hold of the s.s. Sagres in Cosmopolitan Docks yesterday.

Lee Wah was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday, after accidentally falling into the harbour off the Jordan Road ferry pier.

Keeping Open Door In The East

London, To-day.

Hardening of the points of disagreement between Germany, on one hand, and Britain and France, on the other, over the form of the proposed new western pact, is the net result of the receipt of the German Locarno Note, which makes two concrete proposals.

FIRSTLY, GERMANY ASKS THAT BELGIAN NEUTRALITY SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY FOUR WESTERN POWERS, GERMANY, FRANCE, BRITAIN AND ITALY.

SECONDLY, HERR HITLER SEEKS A NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN GERMANY AND FRANCE, WITH BRITAIN AND ITALY AS GUARANTORS AND CO-ARBITERS TO DECIDE THE AGGRESSOR IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT.

In regard to Belgium it is understood that although the word "neutrality" is not actually mentioned in the Note, a complicated diplomatic formula is used amounting to the same thing.

GERMAN PLAN

The German plan is that the four Powers should give identical guarantees to Belgium that there should be no General Staff arrangements made openly with all four Powers, that France will not have the right to transmit troops through Belgium under Article XVI and that Belgium will not assist France or any other country under the League Covenant.

It is insisted that the Franco-German non-aggression pact should be valid under all circumstances.

NO EXCEPTIONS

In other words, Germany does not admit exceptions specifically allowed under the old treaty, by which action under Article XVI of the League Covenant was legitimate.

The proposal to make Italy and Britain co-arbiters of aggression was in the previous German Locarno Note and had already been rejected by Britain.

WHOLE PRINCIPLE REJECTED
The Note thus rejects the whole principle of mutual assistance in the West, particularly the British request that Britain shall have her own security guaranteed as well as being the guarantor of France and Belgium.

Generally, the Note, although courteous and not specifically mentioning the Franco-Soviet Pact, leaves the difficulties where they stood before, namely, Germany still wants to immobilise the West and all western action under the League Covenant in order to have a free hand in the East.

This thesis is likely to be unacceptable to France and Britain. The only line of advance now left open is to take the problem of Belgian neutrality in isolation and to try and settle it without other

—Reuter.

BERLIN COMMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The willingness of France and Britain to recognise the right of Belgium to insist on her own neutrality is the subject of semi-official statements here.

Surprise is expressed that both in Paris and London the principles enunciated by Belgium should have been found so unacceptable.

Obviously, it is stated, Britain and France are thinking of a possible future war and "do not want to relinquish the idea of Belgium as the site of the first hostilities."

The view stated is that this attitude seems to offer no prospect whatever for an advance towards the goal of European tranquillity.

Instead of support for the Belgian view, the latter is described as irreconcilable with League of Nations principles and the Kellogg Pact.

RETURN TO LOCARNO

Some newspapers in East Europe state that the German and Italian proposals for a western pact raise the danger of a "dictatorship of four western Powers."

Commenting on this, semi-official quarters state that it is in Berlin and Rome that there is a real desire for a return to Locarno, namely, guaranteeing of the Franco-German frontier.

NO OTHER ASSOCIATION

Both Berlin and Rome decline to associate the Locarno idea with any extraneous aim or to allow it to be misused for the attainment of objects that have nothing to do with the fundamental purpose of Locarno.

The far-reaching concessions shown in both the German and Italian proposals with regard to certain obligations into which the other Locarno Powers have since entered, show how sincerely both Berlin and Rome desire restoration of West European security, a pact for which could be concluded at any moment if the other side is willing.—Trans-Ocean.

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY BILL

STRONG CRITICS IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

"NEUTRALITY IS IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS IT IS BACKED WITH ADEQUATE FORCE," DECLARED THE FORMER NAVAL LIEUTENANT, MR. IZAC, MEMBER FOR SAN DIEGO, IN THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE ON THE NEUTRALITY BILL IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY.

Mr. Izac said that they could not build a navy big enough to cover the seven seas but if, in proclaiming permanent neutrality, they also announced that the United States Navy would only be used in home waters, they could keep the United States out of war.

Mrs. Edith Rogers (Republican, Massachusetts) condemned the McReynolds Neutrality Bill and said giving up their trade would not keep the United States out of war.

INVITATION TO AGGRESSION

Mr. William I. Sirovich (Democrat, New York) asked whether if the McReynolds Bill was enacted the President might declare an embargo against Italy and Germany in view of their part in the Spanish civil war.

Mr. S. D. McReynolds (Democrat, Tennessee), sponsor of the Bill, replied not unless the President found they were actually in a state of war.

Mr. John Bernard declared that both the McReynolds and Pittman Neutrality Bills invited aggression by the Fascist Powers, since the weak countries could not buy from the United States.—Reuter.

GERMAN MILITARY ANNIVERSARY

Berlin, To-day.

The German army is celebrating to-morrow (Thursday) morning the second anniversary of the re-introduction to Germany of general conscription.

The military ensign will be hoisted over all barracks and there will be an impressive roll call ceremony.

A message by General Goering will be broadcast.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN EMIGRES ARRESTED

Moscow, To-day.

Ten German emigres have been arrested in Engels, a city in the Volga Republic, for criticism of the Stalin regime.

An official announcement states that all the men were former Communist officials in Germany who left the country when the Nazis came into power.

The men will probably be deported.—Trans-Ocean.

The B.I. s.s. Sirdhana will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka on Friday at 6 a.m.

GANDHI'S STRANGE FORMULA FOR CONGRESS POLITICS

Affirmative In Theory, Negative In Practice

ALL NIGHT VIGIL IN THE FENS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A BODY OF 300 MEN EQUIPPED WITH LANTERNS KEPT WATCH ALL NIGHT ON MONDAY ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVERS IN THE FEN COUNTRY.

Persistent rain had caused an alarming rise in the river levels and the flood waters threatened to break through the dykes and inundate one of the most fertile regions in East Anglia.

Farmers were hastily organised and formed into working parties, slaving for hours in construction of sand-bag reinforcement of the dykes.

A slight breach was made in one of the dykes but heroic efforts by the working parties prevented any large rush of water through the gap.—Trans-Ocean.

Unofficial Air Race

Oakland (Cal.), To-day.
An exciting trans-Pacific air race is expected to start to-morrow.

Miss Amelia Earhart hopes to take off on her round-the-world flight, while the flying-boat "Hawaii Clipper" is starting for Manila and a Pan-American clipper is hopping off for New Zealand.

All three planes are making Honolulu the first stage of their flight.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL'S VISIT TO BURGOS

Object Explain In
Parliament

London, To-day.
Replying to a request for information regarding the visit of Mr. Fraser, of the Board of Trade, to Burgos, Dr. Burgin stated in the Commons that the object of visit was to discuss with representatives of General Franco's Administration, various questions of detail connected with their informal assurances regarding future trade between the United Kingdom and that area of Spain which is under the control of General Franco.

Questions arising on trade with the area under the control of the Spanish Government had been discussed with representatives of that Government in London.—British Wireless.

Shop Lifter Jailed

Li Lin, aged 45, was sentenced to 12 weeks' imprisonment at the Central Magistracy for stealing two books from Brewer's Bookshop and 4 bottles of ink.

Defendant was seen with the books by an attendant of the Brewer Bookshop and questioned said he had bought them elsewhere.

VICEROY GIVES HINT TO GOVERNORS IN PROVINCES

New Delhi, To-day.

The Congress Party has decided to accept office conditionally on the Governors not using their special powers.

"Special powers" may be summed up as authority to take whatever action the Governor thinks necessary for preservation of peace and tranquility, notwithstanding the advice of ministers, prevention of discrimination, prevention of action which would subject imported goods of the United Kingdom and Burmese origin to discriminatory or penal treatment, protection of the rights of any Indian State and the rights and dignity of their rulers.

It is learned from a well-informed authority that the Governors will not and cannot give the Congress leaders any assurances regarding exercise of their special powers.

DEADLOCK POSSIBLE

If the Congress leaders insist on receiving definite assurances regarding these powers, they will not get them, and a complete deadlock will arise.

In the meantime the Viceroy, the Marquess of Linlithgow, speaking at a dinner given by the President of the Council of State, referred to the constitutional change in the Government of India which was coming into force at the beginning of next month.

The Viceroy said that representatives of the Crown, including the Governors, must remember their duty to stand above party interests.

Secondly, those who hold positions in provincial governments must respect provincial autonomy and strive to put it into effect.—Reuter.

CONGRESS FORMULA

London, To-day.
Messages from Bombay indicate that the Indian National Congress have found a formula regarding their attitude to the provincial elections which is likely to be approved.

It is a formula which gives an affirmative to support of the Constitution in a theoretical sense, but which is negative in its practical aspects.

The formula is to be submitted as a resolution to the convention of the Congress Party and it suggests that in certain provinces the leaders of the Congress Party should approach the British Governor and indicate their willingness to participate in the administration, if the Governor, on his part, is prepared to recognise the Congress Party programme.

THE SNAG

This programme, however, imposes upon all party members the duty of opposing the new constitution which comes into force on April 1.

This strange formula is said to have been devised by the Mahatma Gandhi, who is again exerting a vast influence and playing a leading role in the Party's deliberations.—Trans-Ocean.

AND THE RESULT

The decision of the Congress working committee, which was Mahatma Gandhi's compromise between opponents and supporters of acceptance of office, maintains that the Congress front is unbroken.

It still fails, however, to make clear whether Congress ministries will be formed, both sides claiming the decision to be a victory for their viewpoint.

Opponents believe that assurances required by the resolution cannot be obtained from the Governors, while supporters believe that sufficiently vague assurances will be secured.—Reuter.

Zeppelin Carries Zoo On Voyage

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN,

TO-DAY.

THE GIANT AIRSHIP "HINDENBURG" LEFT HERE AT 8.30 LAST NIGHT ON THE FIRST TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA THIS YEAR.

Every cabin of the zeppelin, which is commanded by Captain Pruis, was occupied.

In addition to its fifty human passengers, the airship carried a strange cargo of animals.

They consisted of twenty apes, which are being sent from the famous Hagenbeck Zoo to Rio de Janeiro.

Dr. Hugo Eckner, the famous airship commander, is a passenger on board for Rio de Janeiro, where he will attend the inauguration of the new airship port which is to bear the name of the Portuguese airman, Bartholomeo de Guzman.

The airship's return is scheduled for March 27, after which ten new cabins will be added preparatory to its maiden voyage on the North Atlantic service.—Trans-Ocean.

Colonel Beck To Attend Coronation

Warsaw, To-day.

Poland will be represented at the Coronation of King George VI by the Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck.—Trans-Ocean.

WINTER VACATION

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COLOURS . . . CALVES

Coiffures . . .

By KATHLEEN PEARCEY

Fashion sees red in Coronation year. Pillar-box, danger, rouge du Pape are colour news. Flaming scarlets and royal crimsons when night falls. Lesser and even lovelier reds in the daytime. This may be difficult for some of us. Red can be superb on the right woman and on occasions. Otherwise it is apt to be a little alarming.

RULES

Certain rules for red should be observed. It must not shine. Scarlet allied to the gleam of satin will swamp the most vivid personality. Georgette, chiffons and dull matt crepes are lovely. Velvets for magnificence and women with important figures.

For the daytime the lovely red of the rowan berry is becoming and has no harshness in its shadows. The tender russet red and a crimson with a cool hint of purple in it are other nuances of the season's smartest colour.

FOR TOWN REDS ARE DISCREET

A suit of crimson angora. A black top coat lined with crimson and black shadow checks. Black hat, shoes and gloves. A crimson handbag. Only a "red-head" could fail to look attractive in this.

In the country it is different. Tweeds may always go adventuring. Herringbone, scarlet and black makes a gay, slick suit. Rough homespun frieze in Venetian red, flecked with grey looks goods for the more casual garments dedicated to sport.

HAIR AND THE NEW HATS

There is a milliner in London making and selling hats which are exactly like those peculiar to the first days of motoring. They have stiff, flat brims, buttoned, pancake crowns and safety-pins. They may not suit many women, but they do herald new ideas in hat lines.

They also mean that we must re-organise our ideas about hair. Alexandra fringes are already here, and padded hair is being mentioned in well-informed places.

Fringes are required to wear many of the new hats. Whimsical caps after Robin Hood and Juliet caps are giving way to other and perhaps better hats.

CALF-LENGTH SKIRTS

We must look to our legs. Everybody else will. The new skirt stops short at the calf, which has led a sheltered life for so many seasons. Like red and Alexandra fringes, the new skirt length takes a little time

(Continued at foot of next col.)

There's Spring in the Air



Bette Davis, screen star, wears one of her new Spring evening gowns, a black linen dress that features a bias band of bright red pique at the top of the bodice and two bias bands of the same material on the skirt.

How to Wash an EIDERDOWN

If you are grand enough to have an eiderdown covered in real silk, you must never wash it. Send it to the cleaners instead. But if you have an eiderdown covered with any other material, it can (and should) be washed like this.

1. Bring it out into the open air on a fine breezy day. There must be no prospect of rain.
 2. Hang it over a line and beat it well.
 3. Next prepare a bathful of lukewarm soapy lather made of a good soap powder or from soap flakes. Place the eiderdown in this and squeeze it thoroughly and quickly. Be sure you wash every part of it, working methodically from, say, left to right.
 4. Rinse it in a tepid bath of vinegar and water. (Half a cupful of vinegar to each gallon of water.) This should fix and brighten the colours as well as rinsing off the first lather.
 5. Then rinse it twice more in vinegar and water of the same temperature, and after the third rinse put the eiderdown through the wringer. The latter should be set loosely so that the eiderdown will go through quickly.
 6. Place it over two lines in a shady place to dry. Change the position—this is important—from time to time, shaking it as you move it to fluff up the feathers. Peg it out lengthways and not too tightly.
 7. When it is nearly dry, lay it flat on a table and beat it gently with a cane.
- It may take as much as two days for your eiderdown to get thoroughly dry.



Encased in new spring-style footwear Miss Hazel Pickford displays the tootsies which are reputed to be the most evenly matched in the world.

na shades are suggested.

COLOURS

Consider sheer back instead of gun metal if your ankles are not so slim. Purplish browns, navy and bottle-green in chiffon weight, and lichen-grey are new and interesting stocking colours. An exact match or a subtle contrast is the correct relationship between skirt and stocking.

to get used to.

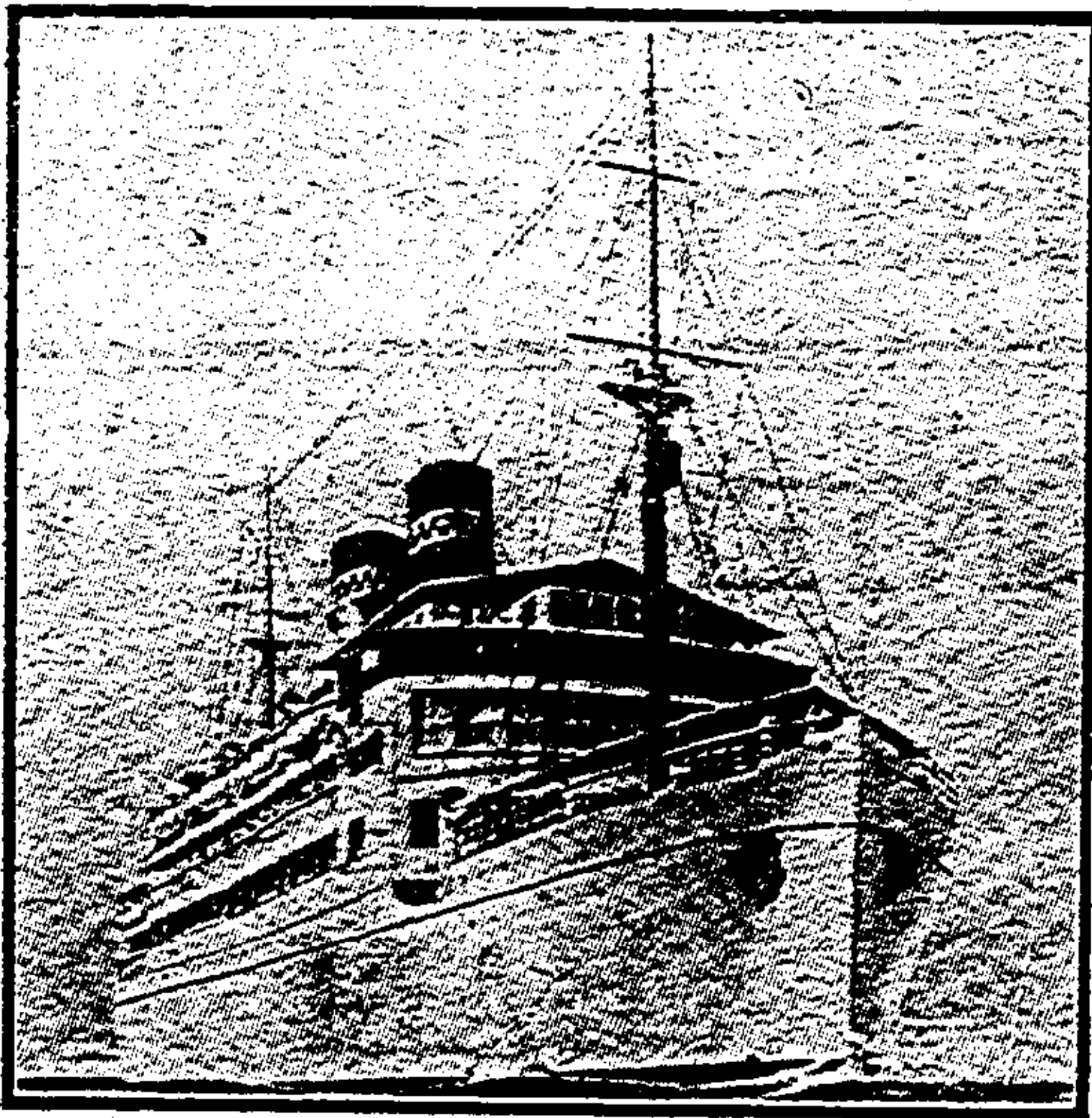
There is every indication that shorter skirts have come to stay. Only in the evening will they continue to play grand dame.

Stockings assume a new importance. For black and a black skirt looks shorter than one of less definite colour—deep coppery and hen-

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Civil List In Commons

NO MENTION OF
DUKE OF WINDSOR

"NEW DUKE OF
CORNWALL"

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE WISHES OF THE
KING AND THE GOVERN-
MENT AS REGARDS THE
NEW CIVIL LIST WERE
ANNOUNCED IN THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS
YESTERDAY.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, presented the Royal message to the Speaker, who read it.

The message stated that the King desired provision to be made for the Queen and children other than the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester.

It was His Majesty's intention as long as the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall were vested in himself to make provision for Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester in so far as the revenues were sufficient to provide for His Majesty's Civil List and, in the event of birth of a Duke of Cornwall, to assent to arrangements similar to those assented to by his predecessor.—Reuter.

Mr. Lloyd George's Protest

Mr. Lloyd George, former Liberal prime minister, has announced in an interview with the "News Chronicle" that he intends to protest to the government's civil list committee because no funds have been set aside for the former King Edward VIII.

"It will be scandalous if the former king is omitted (from the civil list)."

"He abdicated in order not to make it difficult for the reigning king."

"To make no provision for him . . . is the height of meanness . . . and shows a touch of vindictiveness."

The "News Chronicle" reported that Mr. Winston Churchill feels similarly.

The "Daily Express" says that the Duke of Windsor is gathering material for a "non-political, non-controversial" autobiography.

The autobiography, in two volumes, is to cover the period from 1900 to 1930.

NEW ATLANTIC AIR BASE SHIP

Launched At Kiel

Kiel, To-day.

The launching of the motor-ship "Friesenland," which will be used as a base ship in the new trans-Atlantic air mail service to be inaugurated by the German Lufthansa, took place yesterday morning.

The new ship is equipped with a catapult device for launching flying-boats, and will be stationed near the Azores, while her sister ship, the "Schwabenland," will be anchored off the American coast.

The distance of 4,000 miles between the two base ships will be covered by the planes in a non-stop flight.—Trans-Ocean.

HEAVY ITALIAN LOSSES IN OFFENSIVE

American Observer Puts
Total At Over 3,000

Valencia, To-day.

It is estimated that 3,000 Italians were killed at the end of last week in a Government bombing air raid and subsequent machine-gunning by twelve machines on the Guadalajara front, according to an American observer.

FIVE INSURGENT PLANES BOMBED BARCELONA AND THE VICINITY OF THE PORT EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

A sailing vessel in harbour was sunk but the crew were ashore at the time. Several houses were destroyed and at least four killed and 13 wounded.

A rebel communique issued in Salamanca states that their troops have consolidated their position on the Guadalajara front.

"We scored some success on the Jarama front and destroyed two Russian tanks. On the southern front we annihilated a battalion of the International Brigade."—Reuter.

Japan Will Torpedo 1936 Naval Treaty

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan will shortly notify Great Britain that limitation of naval gun-calibres to fourteen inches is unacceptable.

Japanese finds the proposal unacceptable on the ground that qualitative limitation without simultaneous restriction of tonnage of the navies is contrary to the true spirit of disarmament.—Reuter.

HITLER AND KING CHRISTIAN

Neutrality Offer
Denied

Berlin, To-day.

Reports are appearing in the foreign press to the effect that Herr Hitler has offered Denmark a neutrality agreement.

The offer is reported to have been made to King Christian when he visited the German Chancellor in Berlin on Monday.

An official denial of the reports has been issued by the Danish Legation in the German capital.—Trans-Ocean.

Miss Ethelyn Talbott Dies Of Scarlet Fever

Stricken with scarlet fever, Miss Ethelyn Talbott, attractive 24-year-old daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Samuel G. Talbott, formerly of the Philippines, died on Saturday on board the United States army transport Grant enroute from Chinwangtao to Honolulu.

Colonel and Mrs. Talbott were at their daughter's bedside. Miss Talbott contracted the disease while she and her mother were touring in China, but no symptoms appeared until after the transport had left Chinwangtao.

Smuggling In North China

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE QUESTION OF
SMUGGLING IN NORTH
CHINA WAS AGAIN RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS AT QUESTION
TIME YESTERDAY.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Viscount Cranborne, in a written reply to Sir Walter Smiles, Conservative Member for Blackburn, said that the attention of the Japanese Government had repeatedly been drawn by the Ambassador to the general question of smuggling.

He was sure that details of the remedy could be best dealt with by the various authorities concerned.

The essential point was that the Chinese preventive services should be allowed freedom to operate effectively. This point had constantly been emphasised by the Ambassador.—Reuter.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Wreath-Laying At The
Cenotaph

To-day being St. Patrick's Day, the members of the Irish community paid tribute to their war dead at a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph this morning. The wreath was laid by a party of officials of St. Patrick's Society, headed by Mr. E. H. Williams, president.

Among those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. C. Halliwell, Dr. G. W. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. T. Murphy, Dr. and Mrs. Fenby, Mr. F. P. R. James, Mr. J. D. McLatchie, Mr. W. B. Finnigan, Mr. F. G. Maund, Mr. G. C. Perdue, Mrs. R. G. Clarke, Mrs. Howard-Smith and Mr. W. J. Simmons. All who attended were handed clusters of shamrocks grown from seeds sent from Ireland.

Owing to the Combined Operations, no representatives from the Services were able to be present.

Miss Allen of No. 4 Ashley Road, Kowloon, has reported that her dog bit Miss Salima Lee near the Diocesan Girls School yesterday. Miss Lee was treated and the dog sent for observation at Maitankok.

London Awaits Mui Tsai Comment

London, To-day.

"I have asked the Governments of Hong Kong and Malaya to let me have their full views on both the majority and minority reports of the Mui Tsai Commission, but, in view of the obvious complexity of the problems raised, I expect it to be some little time before I can reasonably expect to receive considered replies."

So stated the Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Ormsby-Gore, in answer to a question by Mr. H. Graham White, Liberal Member for Birkenhead East, in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

WELL WE'LL BE — DASHED

Kovno, To-day.

Lithuanians may curse and swear in public in future, but it will be an expensive indulgence following publication of a new decree.

The decree issued by the chief of police in Kovno, says that anyone heard venting exasperation in the form of oaths will be liable to a fine of 1,000 lites.—Trans-Ocean.

N.Z. AND EMPIRE AIR PLANS

Control Board To Be
Formed

London, To-day.

Following the announcement by Sir Philip Sassoon that the New Zealand Government was cooperating in the scheme for training air force pilots, it is learned that the New Zealand Government has now decided to form its own Air Ministry and its own air force.

The Ministry will be entitled the Air Control Board on which will be represented nominees of both civil and military aviation.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN STEAMER LOST

Bremen, To-day.

A Spanish lifeboat has succeeded in rescuing all fifteen members of the crew of the German steamer "Erika" of Stettin, which stranded west of Ekages on Monday evening during a severe gale.

Owing to the rough sea that is running and the continuance of the gale, efforts to refloat the Erika proved unavailing.—Trans-Ocean.

Cut In Visa Fees

The British and American governments have mutually agreed to an 80 per cent reduction of fees for passport visas, to become effective on April 1, the Foreign Office announces.

While resisting arrest in Bowen Road yesterday, a Chinese wood-cutter, accidentally cut a special guard on the hand with the chopper. The guard was admitted to the G.C.H. for treatment.



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NAVAL BLOCKADE IN FORCE

With any fanfaranades or even gun salutes, the plan for the naval blockade of Spain's coast-line came into operation during the week-end. Some time will elapse before the system of control is working at its highest efficiency, but that is less important than the fact that it is working, with four principal powers sharing the responsibility.

That fact is a minor triumph of concord between the nations. Those who belittle it have little knowledge of the mutual suspicions that had first to be worn down. These caused the negotiations to drag along helplessly and hopelessly, apparently, even when actual happenings in Spain had convinced all Europe that the continuance of an unchecked flow of "volunteers," many of them already organised as military units, might endanger peace outside Spain. Yet the prohibition of volunteers is the least of the problems, a solution of which the naval blockade hopes to secure.

More important is the stopping of the flow of arms and munitions from any outside source. This rouses questions at once of national prestige and of international prejudice. That they have been met and satisfactorily disposed of is a noteworthy achievement. For France to consent to have German and Italian watchers upon her frontiers requires as high a degree of national self-abnegation. Without willingness to make supervision really international no compact would be possible.

Portugal has accepted British observers on her frontier, a compromise which is both a recognition on the part of Portugal of the friendship subsisting between herself and Great Britain for centuries, and on the part of the other Powers of the impartial position that the British Government has maintained. With the naval plan in full operation, French, German, Italian and British vessels will be associated in a patrol of the various sections of the coast, with at least two Powers co-operating in each zone. There is reason to believe that when other issues have yielded to discussion, outside interference will be reduced to a minimum. That hope is strengthened by the palpable failure of intervention to force any decision in the war, since aid to one side has been countered by aid to the other, and by the growing realisation that, however the conflict may be decided, outsiders

will play no part in the future government of Spain.

These considerations have probably carried more weight in the recent stages of negotiation than the original fear that continued intervention might involve calamitous conflict in Europe. The volunteers and the munitions that have been poured into Spain have served to prolong the conflict and to add to its horrors, but they have brought decisive victory to neither side. Madrid still holds out, and in spite of momentary gains of the rebel forces around the ancient capital the Government forces are exhibiting a tenacity in defence that offers no hope to General Franco of a speedy or easy conquest of that half of the country that resists him. Until the fate of Madrid is decided it must be accepted that neither side will hear of mediation. Should the present assault in which the Italians are playing a prominent part, finally fail, or the city fall, a moment will come when the Powers of Europe might in concert offer their services to bring about peace. Their hands will have been made stronger for such a merciful mission now they have shown that they can act together (if late in the day) in seeking to reduce the magnitude of a war that would never have attained its present dimensions had Spaniards been left to their own quarrel.

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International Relations

When the Admiral's flagship went to Manila and saluted the Presidential yacht Casiana, with nineteen guns a few weeks ago, those on board the warship were surprised to find the salute replied to with nineteen revolver shots fired from the Casiana's deck by the President's aide de camp. It sounds highly irregular, but assuming that the Casiana had no guns, it seems to have been correct.

Of course, in the Navy, really big guns are never used for saluting purposes. And for a very good reason. If they were the concussion would break windows all around the harbour. Not many years ago there was an occasion in the Mediterranean when this actually happened.

The British flagship of a visiting squadron saluted on entering the harbour of a Mediterranean power, and the senior naval officer of the port sent off a messenger to protest that the salute was not powerful enough. Accordingly, it was repeated, this time with big guns, with a distinct tinkle of breaking glass following every deep-throated boom. That senior naval officer did no more protesting.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

ATTENTION: "The world to-day is not so much in need of skill as of character. We do not lack ability so much as we lack purpose." — Dr. Henry Merrit Wriston.

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WARNING: "We are fairly certain to have a repetition of 1929 unless we take rather positive action to prevent it." — Secretary Wallace.

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TO QUALIFY: "I most certainly do not believe that (the B. A.) degree should be given to one who speaks English abominably or who writes it badly." — Dr. George J. Smith.

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LESE MAJESTE: "The king-ship plays no part here except perhaps the part of a rubber stamp." — William Gallagher, M. P.

CREATOR OF LOCARNO PACTS

Sir Austen Chamberlain's Political Career

Prominent Figure In British National Life

The writer was in the House of Commons on the occasion when, after Austen Chamberlain had been returned at a by-election in 1892 for East Worcestershire, he made his maiden speech.

At its close, Mr. Gladstone rose to congratulate the newcomer on his brilliant oration, and in the course of his welcome to the new M.P. remarked of this maiden effort that "it was a speech that, for its eloquence and ability, must have been dear to a father's heart." At this Mr. Joseph Chamberlain started, and his monocle dropped as he rose a little way from his seat and gave a grateful little bow to the "G.O.M." It was told me that tears came to his eyes. It may have been so. It was a fine incident, as the antagonism between the two men over the Home Rule question was, at the time, a bitter reality.

The late Sir Austen Chamberlain, M.P., one time Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, was born in 1863. He was educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge. At first, he represented East Worcestershire, but on the death of his father in 1914 he was elected for his father's seat in West Birmingham. He filled the positions of Civil Lord to the Admiralty, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Postmaster-General, and, from 1903 to 1905, was Chancellor of the Exchequer, an office he held again in 1919. He was Secretary for India in the Coalition Government, 1915-1917, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the Baldwin Cabinets. He received the Garter in 1925, for his services in bringing about the Locarno Treaty.

"ECHO OF FATHER" BURDEN

It is quite possible that the political development of Sir Austen Chamberlain would have proceeded on rather different lines had he not, for a long time, been regarded as the likeness and echo of his father. In many important respects they were not alike. The father was forceful, dynamic; the son was ever ready to give place to others and was more or less static. It might be said that almost as soon as he was born he found his career waiting for him, and he accepted it. By the time he had been a year at Cambridge his demeanour was consistent with the cares of office. Even towards his fellow undergraduates he adopted a solemnity of manner and weighed his words so seriously that he seemed already to be considering the verdict of posterity.

It was in 1903 that the first real step in his political career took place. He was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer.

LOSES LEADERSHIP

In 1912, Mr. Balfour's sway as Party Leader had declined and it seemed possible that Chamberlain might be elected as Leader, but Walter Long disputed the throne, and Bonar Law secured it. The supporters of Walter Long said that they would prevent Chamberlain from securing a unanimous decision, whereupon Chamberlain's followers declared they would stand in the way of Walter Long. So Bonar Law was invited as a compromise

and received a unanimous vote. Yet it cannot be doubted that merit came into its own. The event, however, showed that Chamberlain had not captured his Party. It had always been felt that his career was rather the outcome of his inheritance than his own unhampered choice, and probably this opinion was a handicap to him in many ways. Without it he might have been a greater man. He might not have climbed so high or so early, and yet he might have been more greatly respected, and would have been elected Leader when the right time came. With Mr. Balfour out of the way his rivals were not formidable.

ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY

What did he lack? Perhaps the mind of a leader. He always impressed one as being a first-rate Civil Servant with a seat in the House, stepping into important positions as a sort of right, doing the work well, if without distinction, as occasion or expediency might require. Someone has said that "the qualities of mind that make a good bureaucrat disqualify their owner for creative politics." Sir Austen Chamberlain was an efficient administrator and a very effective speaker, especially when he was really roused. It was during the ten years that his Party was in Opposition that he became a potent influence in the House, and one of the best all-round Parliamentarians of his time.

In recent years he had few rivals in debate and his moral weight was second to none.

SCRUPULOUSLY FAIR

He was always scrupulously fair and unfailingly courteous to all. He had no intimate among his colleagues, but was liked by all of them. Latterly, an austere aloofness seemed to encompass him.

After the War, he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the cause of European peace. In the process he earned a reputation, amongst those who were disposed to criticise, of learning to love France with an all-absorbing devotion which affronted other countries and neglected the interests of his own.

This charge was the subject of one of his most moving speeches to the House of Commons. "I am charged with loving France as one loves a woman," he declared dra-

matically, and proceeded to appeal to the House to visualise the post-War conditions on the Continent—enmity, suspicion and the rest, which required exceptional measures if ruffled nerves were to be smoothed or suspicions dispelled. Members were left to conjure up a picture of the Foreign Secretary taking the hands of France affectionately in his own, because to do so was to win her confidence and thus to lay the foundation of a real peace—not because enchantment had blotted out remembrance of his own country or an equal sense of friendship towards others.

LOCARNO CREATOR

Of all the statesmen who devoted themselves to European peace after the World War, Sir Austen evolved the plan regarded as providing the greatest degree of security and which eventually brought into being the Locarno treaties.

His plan was a sequel to a security effort by the Assembly of the League of Nations, which became known as the Geneva protocol. This was discarded when it was rejected by Great Britain on the ground that, because of the extent of the British Empire, it would be unable to fulfill the guarantees of security imposed upon it by the protocol.

On March 24, 1925, Mr. Chamberlain informed the British Parliament that Great Britain would have nothing further to do with the wreckage of the Geneva protocol. Instead, it would seek to build permanent peace for Europe on another foundation—a mutual pact between Germany and her former enemies—which would guarantee the frontier of Western Europe against change and in which Germany would renounce all idea of ever going to bring about

alterations in her eastern borders as they were fixed after the war.

LOCARNO NEGOTIATIONS

The British Foreign Secretary entered into negotiations with Aristide Briand and Dr. Gustav Stresemann, foreign ministers respectively of France and Germany. In them he found sympathetic proponents of his plan. The Locarno conference then assembled and adopted the treaties. In one of them Germany, France and Belgium agreed never to wage war upon each other, Great Britain and Italy signing as guarantors of the treaty. Others involving Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia were signed to guarantee peace on the eastern border.

In outlining his plans, Mr. Chamberlain also provided for the election of Germany to membership of the League of Nations.

For his achievement in promoting the Locarno conference he was honoured by His Majesty with knighthood in the Order of the Garter and, with Charles G. Dawes, vice-president of the United States, shared the Nobel Peace Prize for 1925.

LORD CURZON'S JUDGMENT

And so he pursued his course unerringly, misunderstood perhaps, yet on all but the rarest occasions too sensitive to explain himself to those who would have been the first to give him credit and support. In many respects, Sir Austen's career may be summed up in a judgment passed upon the late Lord Curzon—he missed the ultimate things.

New York, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of Rear-Admiral Richmond Pearson Hobson, a naval hero of the Spanish-American War.—Reuter.



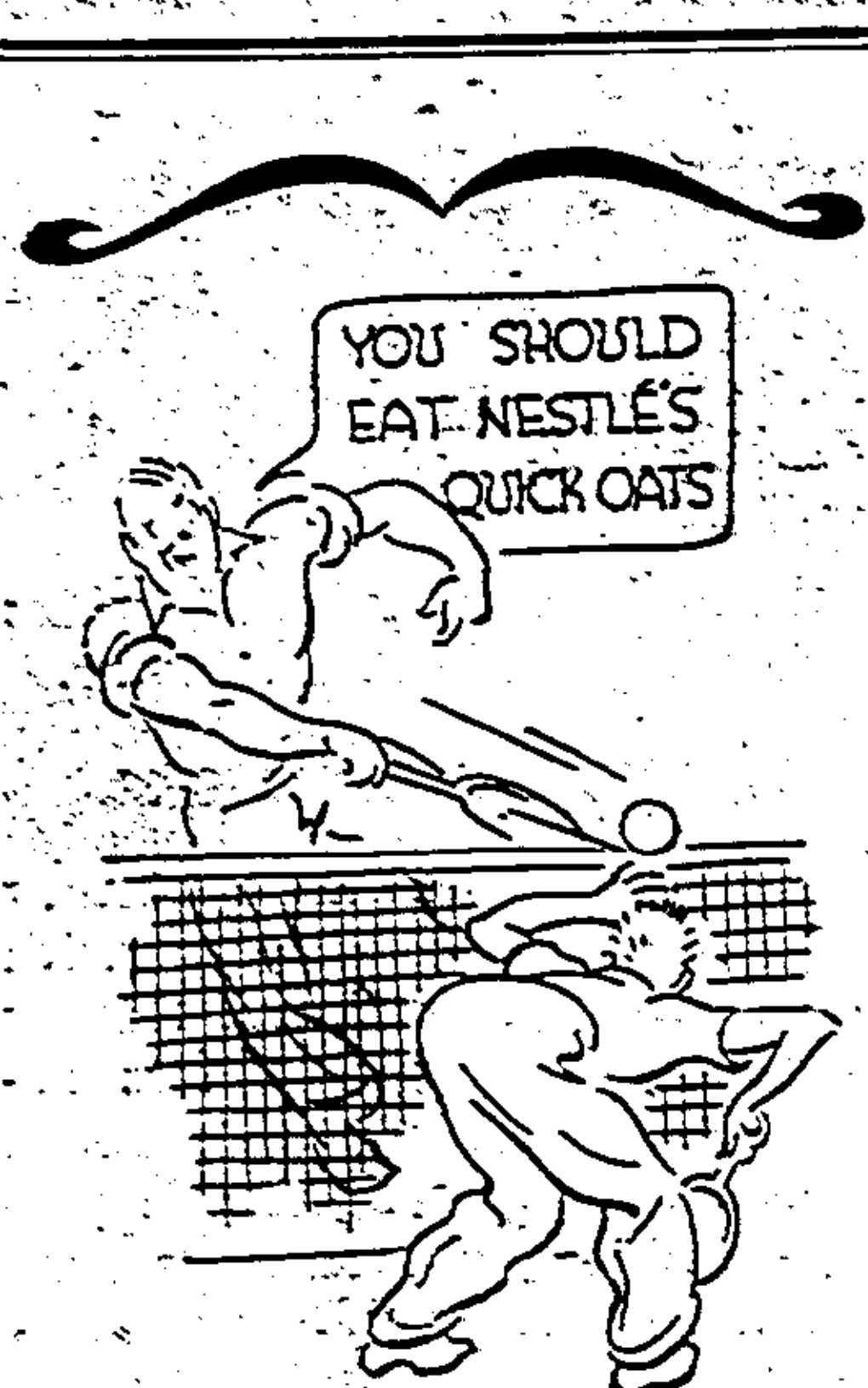
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London, To-day

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MR. MACDONALD ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE DETACHMENTS FROM THE NAVY, NAVAL RESERVES, REGULAR AND TERRITORIAL ARMIES, THE AIR FORCE AND AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

The Indian army and navy will also be represented, as well as Dominions contingents, besides the permanent and volunteer colonial defence forces.

In addition, a force of 6,500 men will be required for reserves and administrative duties.

Westminster Abbey will be 3,500 yards and will take forty minutes to pass a given point.

Composite guards of honour from the three Services will be mounted outside Buckingham Palace and the west door of the Abbey.—Reuter.

CAMPS IN CITY

All the forces required for the Coronation will be encamped in London from May 10 till May 13. Their stations will be allotted as follows:

Army troops and air force participating in the procession in Kensington Gardens.

Navy, Dominions contingents and three Guards battalions in Olympia, Regent's Park and Primrose Hill.

The Indian and Burmese contingents in Hampton Court.

The colonial troops will be accommodated in London barracks.

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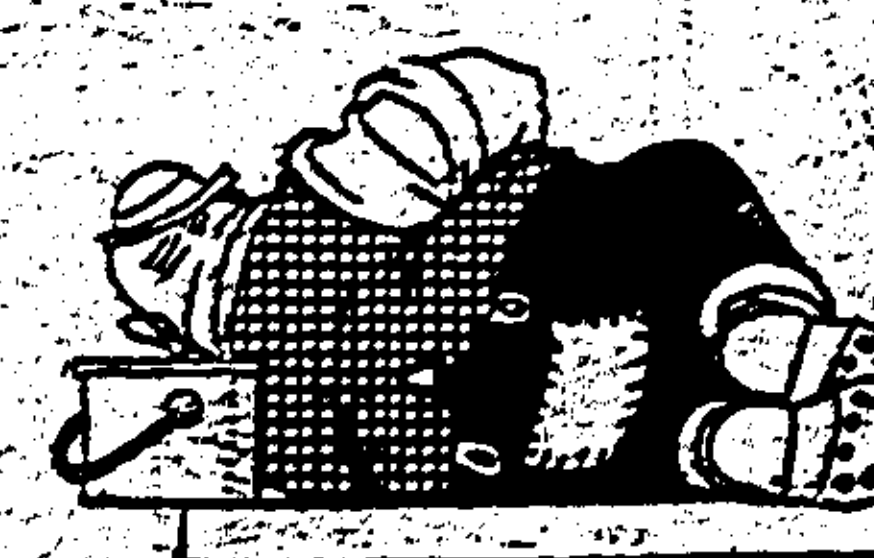
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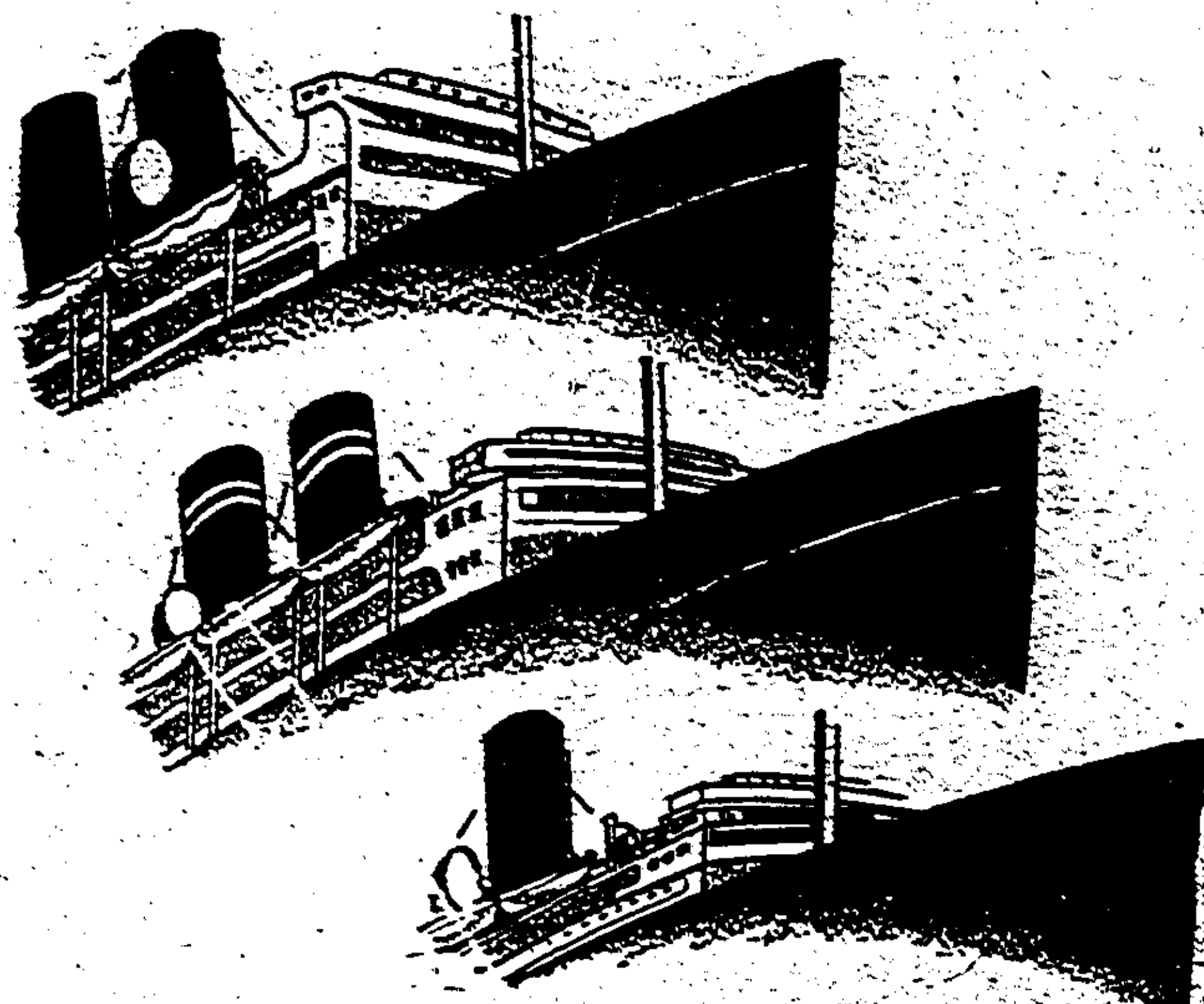
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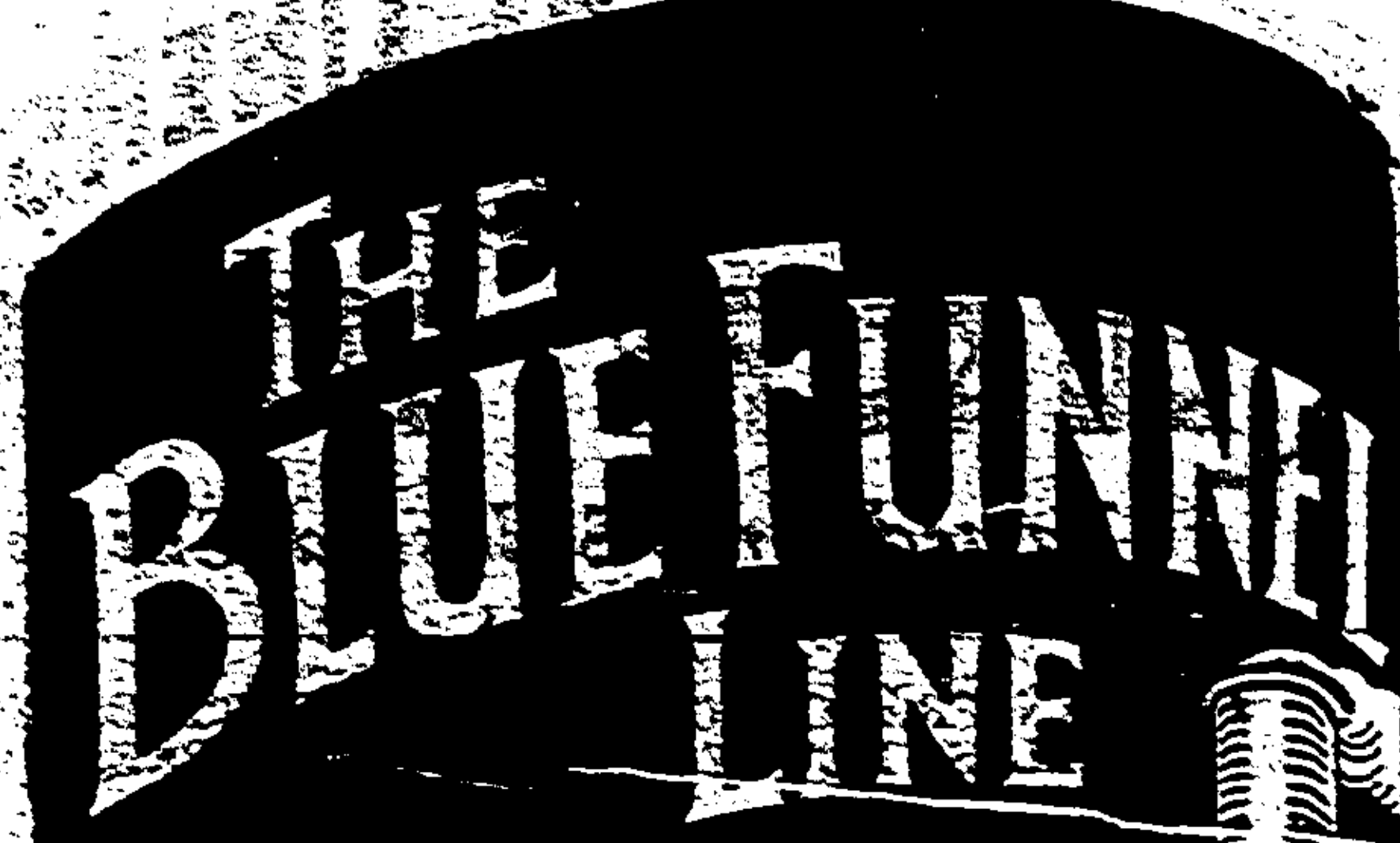
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Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

Quota Committee's Decision

London, To-day.

The International Rubber Committee at yesterday's session raised the export quota for the second half-year of 1937 to 90 per cent. of the standard quota, and fixed the date for the next meeting as April 27.

The price of crude rubber immediately rose by a halfpenny per lb.

The prevailing opinion is that the decision can scarcely reduce the present shortage since no greatly increased shipments can arrive in Europe before next August.

AMERICAN POSITION

As American consumers have not been buying lately and their stocks are running low, the view among dealers is that prices are likely to rise still further when the Americans are compelled to enter the market again.

Speculators accordingly bought heavily, thus causing the rise.

Forward prices for July/September delivery rose to 12 3/15d and October to 12 3/8d.—Trans-Ocean.

HIGHEST SINCE 1929

Following the announcement of the Rubber Regulation Committee, the spot price of rubber advanced to 12 3/4d. per pound, which is the highest since March, 1929. On the stock Exchange, there were substantial rises in rubber shares. — British Wireless.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Spot 40- $\frac{7}{8}$ b. Up 2.
Apr/June 41 b. Up 1- $\frac{3}{8}$.
July/Sept. 41- $\frac{1}{4}$ b. Up 1- $\frac{7}{8}$.
Oct/Dec. 41- $\frac{1}{2}$ b. Up 2- $\frac{1}{8}$.
Market: Firm

The P. and O. s.s. Carthage left Shanghai for this Port on the 16th instant at 4 p.m. and is due here at about 9 p.m. She will berth early on Friday morning.

Lady Carter was among the large number of passengers who sailed for Manila and Bali in the J.C.J.L. m.v. Tjisadane yesterday.

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LOCAL DOLLAR

Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 20-7/8 and "forward," at 20-7/8.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.8860.

French Defence Loan Over-Subscribed

Paris, To-day.

Subscription lists for the second "slice" of the Defence Loan were closed, the loan having been over-subscribed.—Renter.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Burton left the Colony in the Taiping yesterday. Other passengers included Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cockerton, Miss Joan Cruikshank, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ellsworth, Mr. C. G. Hannaford and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Martin.

PHILIPPINES CORPORATIONS INCREASING

Better and improved business condition is shown in the numerous corporations and partnerships registered in the Philippines Bureau of Commerce for January, 1937, compared with those registered in January 1936, according to the Director of Commerce.

A total of 46 stock-corporations with a total authorized capital of P.18,631,000, with an aggregate subscribed capital of P.4,491,900, and with an aggregate capital paid of P.2,114,770, were registered in January 1937, as against 22 stock-corporations with an aggregate authorized capital of P.2,129,200 and 2,000 non-par valued stocks, with an aggregate subscribed capital of P.699,660, with paid-up capital of P.244,501, registered during January, 1936. The non-stock corporations are four in number during January 1937 the same as during January 1936.

Mining Business

The number of partnerships registered during January 1937 totalled 21, with an aggregate paid-up capital of P.346,583.94, while that for January, 1936, totalled 13 with an aggregate capital of P.207,700.

The January, 1937 corporations, organized to engage in mining business, ranked first in number and in capitalization: the number totalled 24 with an aggregate capitalization of P.11,900,000, authorized, P.3,038,700 subscribed, and P.1,294,910, paid. In January 1936, no corporation designed especially to engage in any particular line of business showed exceptional number: the biggest investment went to one insurance agency, with a capital of P.200,000 authorized and P.100,000 for subscribed and paid. Five sweep-stake agencies were registered, the largest in number for the month, all with an aggregate authorized capital of P.166,200, and a paid-up capital of P.8,040.

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The following quotations have been received by Reuter:—
Prev. Yesterday
Closing Closing

New York Cotton:		
March	14.69	14.84
May	14.26	14.41
July	13.00	14.25
October	13.48	13.67
December	13.37	13.50
January	13.37	13.51
Spot	14.85	15.00
Chicago Wheat:		
March	23.50m	24.98m
May	23.55	25.03
July	23.61	25.15
September	23.70	25.18
December	23.65	25.19
New York Rubber:		
May	136 3/4	137 1/8
July	121 1/4	122 3/8
September	119 1/4	120 1/8
Chicago Corn:		
May	109 3/4	109 3/4
July	106	106 1/8
September	100 1/4	100 5/8
Winnipeg Wheat:		
May	133	134 1/8
July	130 3/4	131 1/8
October	119 5/8	121 1/4

The m.v. "Silverteak" from New York sailed from Los Angeles on February 13, and is expected here on or about March 20.

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PONY ROUP HELD YESTERDAY

POOR SOCCER DISPLAY AT CAUSEWAY BAY

RECREIO LOSE TO ROYAL NAVY

MANY PLAYERS ABSENT

A very poor football match was witnessed at Causeway Bay yesterday, where the Royal Navy defeated Club de Recreio by two clear goals in their First Division encounter after a goalless first half.

Recreio fielded a very weak team which, after a promising start, faded away altogether, being on the defensive for most of the game.

The Navy played a hustling game, their intermediate line rushing Recreio's forwards off their feet, although Wolverson and Barry were often called into action against Bertie Gosano, who was the most dangerous of the Portuguese forwards, and who broke through on three occasions in the opening minutes only to see Keeble gather his shots safely.

ERRATIC BACKS

Recreio's full-backs were very erratic in their clearances and this was the real cause of their downfall. Without G. Alves, one of their regular full-backs, G. Fernandes and V. Marques, their wing-halves, and A. V. Gosano, who was playing in the Colony Lawn Tennis championships, the Portuguese side were in a pretty hopeless condition after the first 20 minutes play, and were very lucky actually to have got off so lightly.

The Navy forwards played spirited soccer, but Wallace was not the success at inside-left, that he was on the left-wing when the sailors shared the spoils with the Fusiliers last week. Wallace simply would not part with the ball and time and again threw away glorious opportunities of scoring by trying to walk the ball into the net.

Phillips was a hard-working leader and scored a nice opening goal, but Anderson, like Wallace, was too intent upon dribbling. Both Navy wingers were weak, centring either before they should or too late.

B. GOSANO SHINES

For Recreio C. F. Remedios and J. Gomes shone in the defence during the first half, while Gosano was the pick of the attack, his speed on the ball often carrying him through the Navy half-back line, but Wolverson and Barry were more than he could cope with.

Beltrao, playing in the centre-forward position during the first half, was a complete failure and wrecked innumerable openings by useless dribbling. He moved back to the pivotal berth during the second half when he came into the limelight with some smart work.

After a goalless first half, Phillips opened the scoring from close quarters with an oblique drive and in the closing stages Wallace headed in the sailors' second goal to place the issue beyond doubt.

Mr. Isley refereed and the teams were:

Navy: Keeble, Barry and Wolverson; Laister, Chearman and Love; Elliman, Anderson, Phillips, Wallace and Tippet.
Recreio: U. B. Souza; Ed. Silva and D. Aquino; R. Maxwell, C. F. Remedios and M. Gaan; H. Campos, B. Gosano, N. Beltrao, J. Gomes and A. Alves.
(Continued at foot of next col.)

MISTAKE BAY SOLD FOR \$1500

\$700 PAID FOR WADEBRIDGE

KING'S JUSTICE FETCHES \$600

Mistake Bay, winner of eight races at the Valley, was sold for \$1,500 to Lieut. N. R. G. Bosanquet at yesterday's Pony Roup, while Wadebridge, a champion sub. in its day, fetched \$700 from the same bidder.

Commencing racing in Hong Kong in 1935, Mistake Bay won the Tientsin Stakes, the Wanchow Handicap, the Kiangsi Handicap and the Shum Chun Handicap.

Last season it won the "All Out" Stakes as the result of Macaroni being disqualified, the Lead Mine Handicap from a classy field, the Tweed Island Bay Handicap from Bear Claw, and the Sheungshui Handicap.

This season it ran second to Oak Bay last Saturday over six furlongs, has been third over the mile and 171 yards, third in a field of three, and unplaced over five furlongs and a mile.

To date it has won \$5,700 in stakes money, including \$500 this season.

WADEBRIDGE'S FAILURES

Much was expected of Wadebridge during the Annual Meeting, but even with the assistance of Mr. "Peanut" Marshall, it failed to look like securing a place in all its starts.

King's Justice is another pony



Mistake Bay fetched \$1,500 at yesterday's Pony Roup. Lt. N. R. G. Bosanquet was the buyer.

which has seen much better days, having won \$16,057 in stakes since 1931. It has fared poorly this season.

Good Morning, Royal Consort, Royal Mail, Thunder Bay, Mayflower, Bravado, Ding Dong and Declasse were withdrawn.

FULL PARTICULARS

The following are the full particulars of the Roup:

What a Chance \$75 (Wo Kee, Canton).

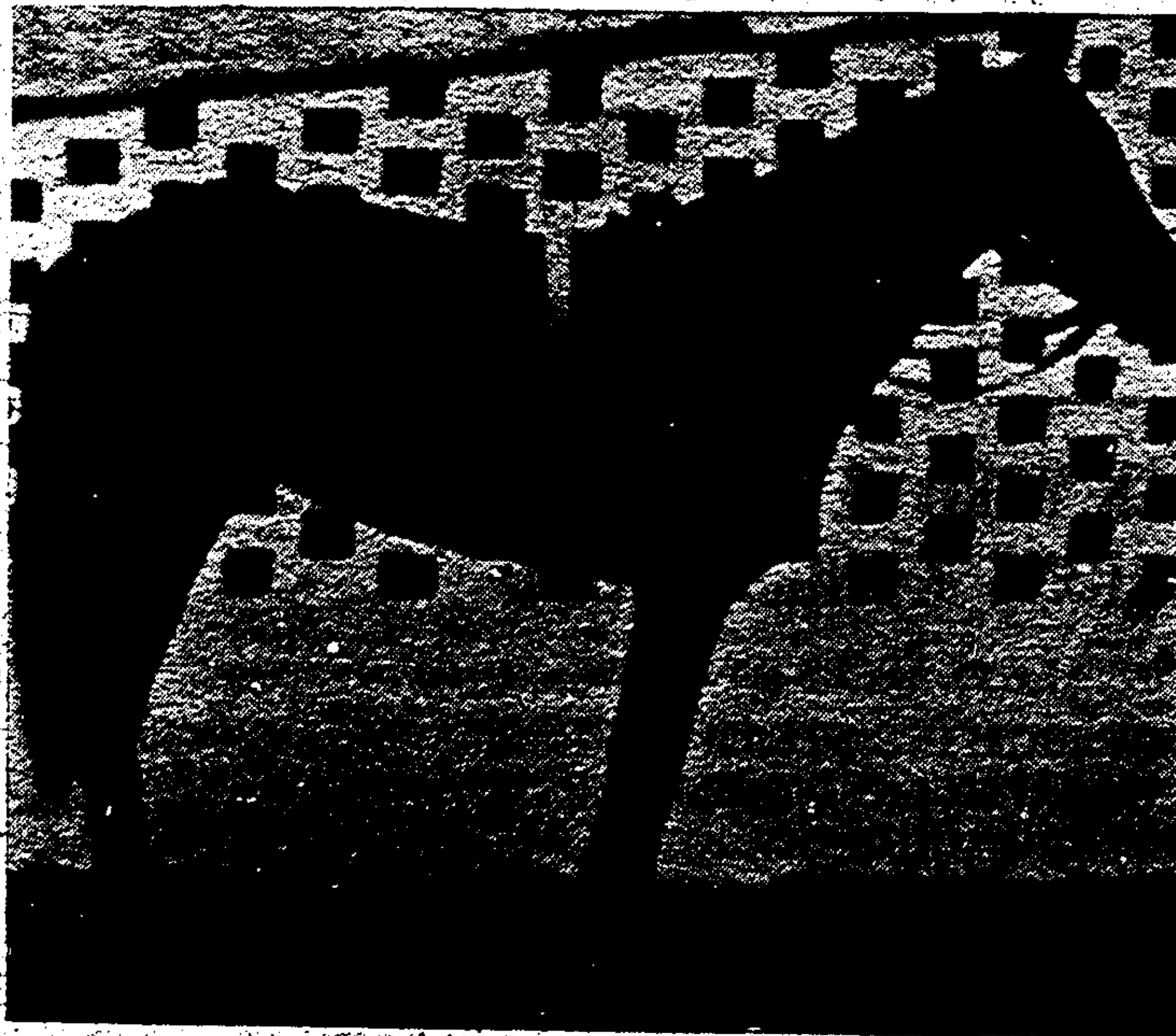
King's Justice \$600 (Pau Wing-wai).

Royal Highness \$810 (G. A. Hariman).

Porthos \$100 (Chiu Kee, Canton).

Mistake Bay \$1,500 (Lieut. N. R. G. Bosanquet).

Kincora \$200 (D. Benson).



Royal Mail, above, was withdrawn from the Pony Roup yesterday. It has failed to place in this its first season.

(Continued from previous col.)

TABLE TO DATE FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R. U. Rifles	20	13	3	4	51	22	29
S. China "A"	19	11	5	3	49	21	27
S. China "B"	20	10	5	5	42	23	25
R.W. Fusiliers	20	10	6	4	41	25	25
Seaforth H.	19	11	2	6	41	32	24
St. Joseph's	19	9	3	7	33	28	21
Royal Navy	21	9	4	8	41	35	22
H.K.F.C.	19	9	9	10	41	36	18
Eastern Ath.	18	7	3	8	35	33	17
Kowloon F.C.	21	7	2	12	21	43	16
Recreio	18	6	5	7	30	42	16
Athletic	20	5	4	11	23	39	14
K. Chinese	19	3	7	9	26	49	12
Police	20	1	5	14	18	51	7

Air Mail \$150 (A. Bower).
Bachelor Court \$115 (P. H. Sin).
Merry Doer \$65 (Lee Yuen-chee).
Pipsissewa \$90 (P. H. Sin).
Gold Exchange \$85 (G. Arnott).
Precious Stream \$110 (Tong Ming, Canton).
Rhodium \$115 (J. Braga).
Celebration Time \$100 (Capt. Whitehead).
Noggin \$155 (H. S. Yung).
National Unity \$120 (J. Braga).
Wadebridge \$700 (Lieut. N. R. G. Bosanquet).
Kashgar \$45 (Lee Yuen-chee).

COLONY BOWLS GREENS TO BE SURVEYED?

K.B.G.C. Meeting Suggestion

WORKING ACCOUNT SHOWS LOSS

That the posted notice which temporarily limited ladies to certain days of the week, should be incorporated in the bye-laws of the Club, was one of the resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday afternoon, when old differences between bowls and tennis playing members of the Club re-occurred.

In his annual report, Mr. L. Guy, the President, remarked that the loss for the year was caused by placing to the Working Account, the cost of new fences, the expenditure on the price of land at the end of the Club House, \$130 on account of fencing for last year and the general increase of prices owing to low exchange.

SURVEYOR FOR GREENS

The meeting approved a resolution that the incoming Bowls Committee recommend to the Lawn Bowls Association that a qualified surveyor be asked to give a report on all greens on which League games are played and, in the event of any green being found not reasonably level, that green should not be certified by the Association as suitable for League Matches.

Another suggestion adopted was that the tennis convenor approach the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association to seek re-affiliation with the Association.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President: Mr. J. L. Tetley; Vice President: Mr. E. V. Searle; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. F. L. Rapley; Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. E. E. Jeffries; General Committee: Messrs. B. Wylie, J. E. Henson, J. G. Meyer, S. M. White, T. Armstrong, D. W. Waterton, J. C. Gill; Balloting Committee: Messrs. H. F. Stoneham, T. E. Robson, E. W. Lines, G. R. Leib, T. F. Bradford, J. P. Dawson.

The outgoing Committee and President were the subject of a speech of thanks by Mr. H. Nish which was heartily supported by the meeting. In reply, Mr. Guy thanked all for their support during his term of office.

AMENDED ENTRIES FOR THE LINCOLNSHIRE

London, Yesterday.—Lincolnshire amended probables are Sireti rides Lost Scent; Bezan on Oger; Foster on Bonc; Bartlam on Vietnam; Robertson on Takemy; Blackshaw on Vasistas; and Dyson on Coldron.

The following jockeys are added: Calder (Pat Beasley); British Quota (F. H. Hunter); Buck of Berks (Middleton); Torlane (no jockey); Manoeuvre (Bullock); Couleur de Rose (Mitchell).

King's Gap, Kyles of Minard, Fleetfoot, Precious Pearl and Orminus are scratched. Reuter.

RECREIO PAIR STAGE FINE RALLY



A. Alves, above, gave a plucky display on the left-wing for Recreio in their soccer match against the Royal Navy at Causeway Bay yesterday.

DOUBLES BADMINTON MATCHES

CARVALHO ON
SICK LIST

FAVOURITES FOR TITLE

(By "ADREM")

At King's College to-night, three matches will be played off in the Quarter-Finals of the Men's Doubles Badminton Championship of the Colony. Unfortunately, L. A. Carvalho is suffering from an attack of malaria and as a result, the finest tie of the evening will not be played.

P. H. Wong and C. E. Chng won three games against Recreio "A" when the Chinese "Y" visited King's Park, but they had a rare struggle against Carvalho and Silva. It would have been interesting to have seen how the latter would have fared in an issue to be decided over three sets.

I sincerely hope that Carvalho will have recovered sufficiently by next week, to enable this match to eventuate.

I cannot see anything particularly interesting in the remainder of this evening's programme and I shall be very surprised if any of the games go the full distance.

BRILLIANT PAIR

Frank Kwok and S. W. Liang will meet the favourites for the title, P. K. Hui and T. C. Lee, the brilliant University combination, and are almost certain to find the hard-hitting, speedy tactics of their opponents too much for them. A better game should be witnessed between K. S. Liew and K. L. Yong, and E. da Sousa and H. A. Alves, who are much of the same standard. Sousa, however, will probably find the pace too much for him and as a result the University pair should win.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios, until recently ranked as the finest combination in the Colony, are not likely to be very seriously extended

F. H. KWOK & S. W. LIANG DEFEATED

A.V. GOSANO'S FINE WORK OVERHEAD

SINGLES STANDARD VERY LOW

(By "ADREM")

At the Hong Kong C.C. yesterday afternoon, in the Colony Doubles Championship, F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang were within an ace of winning in straight sets against A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, when the latter levelled the scores after a grand rally during which they saved several match points, and eventually won the encounter in a final set which barely lasted ten minutes.

IN THE FIRST SET THE CHINESE PAIR WERE SLIGHTLY THE MORE RELIABLE AND WITH GOSANO AND REMEDIOS FALLING DOWN ON EASY "KILLS" RAN OUT WINNERS AFTER 14 GAMES.

Kwok, at this period, was the best player on the court, his forehand drive finding the gaps in the opposition with great regularity. He played faultlessly, severity being the keynote of a brilliant display, which left his opponents standing, time and again.

Gosano and Remedios, were unaccountably erratic and completely lacked understanding. Both were volleying crisply and driving well, but showed a lack of finish which cost them the set.

TACTICS WIN

It was tactics which won the second stanza. Realising the futility of playing on the devastating Kwok, the Portuguese pair concentrated on Liang, whose game is not ideally suited to doubles play, and completely exposed his weakness on the volley. Forced on the defensive, he was compelled to lob and as he was invariably short, lost innumerable points. The winners were now very accurate overhead, Gosano, in particular "killing" from all parts of the court.

Kwok and Liang, hung on grimly, however, and led at 7-6 but after deuce had been called several times, they lost the game amid great excitement. After this, there was only one pair in it and Gosano and Remedios won the next two games for the set and only conceded the first game in the third set to finish off the match in quick time.

LOW STANDARD

In the two singles games, that were played, a surprisingly low standard prevailed. F. V. Harrison was taken the whole distance by Ma Nai-kwong, and never looked really impressive. His strokes

were fairly sound, but lacked power and it was only his persistent net attack that won him the match.

Chan Kam-hung, the Kowloon Tong player, beat Li Kwan-hung in a game of pat-ball. Neither player showed any desire to take the initiative and were content to keep the ball in play and wait for opposition mistakes.

In the Mixed Doubles, J. F. L. Smalley and his sister won from Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse after a great struggle and in the only other Club match, G. Polglase and C. C. Stark were forced by bad light to adjourn with the score at two sets all. Polglase won the first set easily, but lost the second at 9-11.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Singles

F. V. Harrison beat Ma Nai-kwong 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.
Ng Kam-chuen received a w/o from H. Owen Hughes.
Chan Kam-hung beat Li Kwan-hung 6-4, 6-3.

Open Doubles

A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 6-8, 9-7, 6-1.

Club Mixed Doubles

J. F. L. Smalley and Miss Smalley beat R. L. D. Wodehouse and Mrs. Wodehouse 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

Club Handicap Singles

G. Polglase and C. C. Stark unfinished. Polglase won the first set 6-2 and lost second 9-11.

Notts' Big Deficit Sustained

London, February 19. Nottinghamshire C.C.C. showed a loss of £2,568 on last season,

by T. J. Ong and F. Koh, of the Chinese "Y".

PROGRAMME

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. P. K. Hui and T. C. Lee.
K. S. Liew and K. L. Yong v. H. A. Alves and E. da Sousa.
T. J. Ong and F. Koh v. M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios.

making a total deficiency of £3,792. This, with commitments for the current year, means that the club will have to face a total deficit of £6,000.

Mr. D. McCraith, chairman of the committee, was elected president in succession to the Earl of Lincoln at yesterday's annual meeting. He stated that during the last five years the club lost £5,918, of which amount £3,443 was paid in entertainment tax.



A. V. Remedios, above, partnered by A. V. Gosano, yesterday staged a remarkable rally to beat S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok in the Colony Open Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship.

J.F. LEYSMAY DEFEAT LEE WAI TONG

UPSET IS NOT
UNLIKELY

S. A. RUMJAHN ON VIEW TO-DAY

(By "ADREM")

This afternoon's tennis programme at the Hong Kong C.C. promises some interesting encounters, notably the Lee Wai-tong-J. F. Leys match, in the Open Singles event. I have not seen the former in action this season and do not know how he is shaping but Leys is playing excellently and although general opinion will be against him winning against such a fine player as China's soccer idol, I am of the opinion that an upset is quite likely.

S. A. Rumjahn, one of the strongest contenders for the title, will meet Frank Grose, of the K.C.C. Rumjahn, I understand, has lost a great deal of his touch, due principally to an over-indulgence in badminton.

UNRELIABLE SERVICE

His service, in particular, has shown itself to be unreliable. He should, however, not have a great deal of difficulty in advancing to the next round, although Grose, a fine stylist, might extend him.

Wong Fuk-nam will meet Bertie Ho and a close game seems to be indicated. In addition to the usual Club events, two more mixed doubles games are down for decision.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Open Singles

Lee Wai-tong v. J. F. Leys
Wong Fuk-nam v. H. Y. Ho
S. A. Rumjahn v. F. Grose
Club Handicap Singles
G. S. Chambers (+3.6) v. J. C. Pool (+2.6)
W. M. Barton (+1.6) v. J. R. Collis (+1.5)
F. A. Joseph (+2.6) v. N. E. Littlejohn (-3.6)

Club Handicap Doubles

J. E. Richardson and R. M. Wood (+3.6) v. W. Stoker and D. L. Prophet (+3.6)

Club Mixed Doubles

A. L. Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan v. R. K. Valentine and Mrs. Valentine
T. C. Monaghan and Miss Carrighan v. Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie

R.A.S.C. IN ARMY CUP SOCCER SEMI-FINAL

Coldstream Guards
Outplayed

BEAVER SHINES IN GOAL

(By PHILISTINE)

London, February 19.

On an excellent surface for dribbling at the Buller Barracks ground, Aldershot, the R.A.S.C. Training Battalion qualified for the semi-final of the Army Football Cup by a well-deserved victory over the 2nd Coldstream Guards by 3 clear goals.

The big guardsmen fought hard, the backs tackling keenly and kicking strongly and Abbott, the right-half, making strong efforts to get the forwards going. But they were outplayed by the R.A.S.C.

Great goalkeeping by Beaver, a player with a keen sense of position, kept the clever R.A.S.C. forwards out in the first half when Sadler and Davies both made good attempts to score. The game had barely restarted when Watson got a good goal after a strong run on the left wing.

GREAT GOAL

Sadler should have added to the lead when the referee awarded a penalty against the Guards for hands, but he shot straight at the goalkeeper. He made amends soon afterwards by scoring a great goal. Although surrounded by opponents he coolly trapped the ball and gave Beaver no chance with a smashing drive. Watson scored the third goal shortly before the finish.

All the R.A.S.C. forwards played well, but their task was made easy by the great support they got from Stewart, Gray and Owen—especially the last-named, who was the most polished half-back on the field.

Teams:

R.A.S.C. Tng. Btu.—Dvr. Campbell; Cpl. Dallas, L./Sgt. Lambert; Cpl. Stewart, L./Cpl. Gray, Cpl. Owen; Pte. Davies, L./Sgt. Paul, Cpl. Sadler, Cpl. Waite, L./Cpl. Watson.

2nd Coldstream Guards.—Gdsm. Beaver; Gdsm. Cross, Gdsm. Potts; Gdsm. Abbott, L./Sgt. Prudence, Gdsm. Barker; Gdsm. Isitt, Gdsm. Roberts, Gdsm. Walker, Gdsm. Carroll, Sgt. Roberts.

AMATEUR'S BIG BILLIARDS BREAK

Snooker Effort
Of 99!

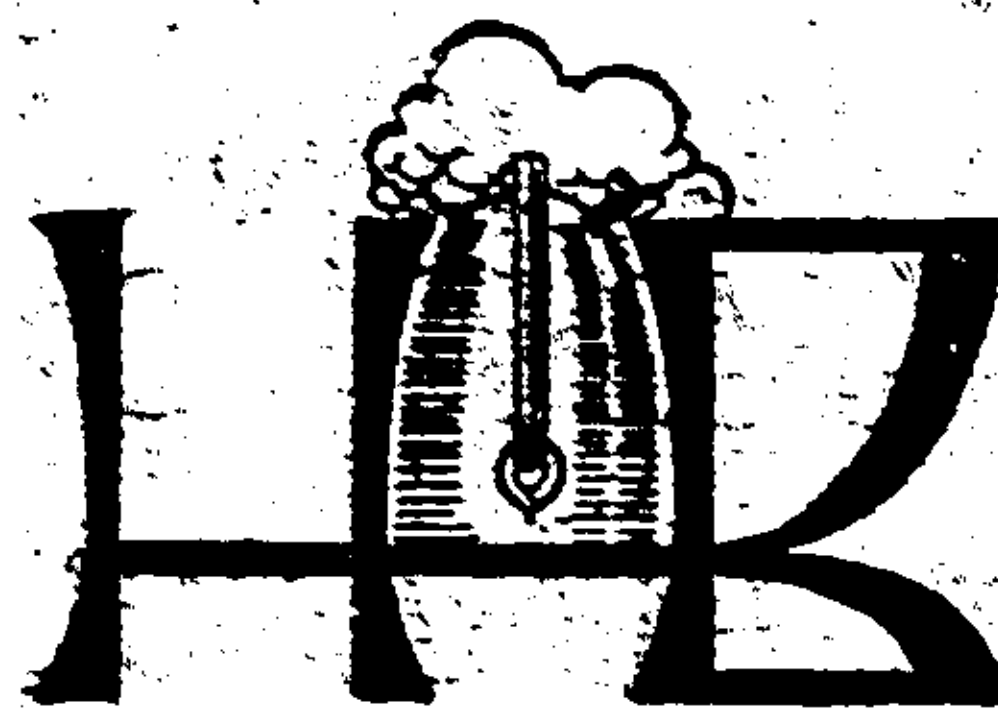
London, February 15.

A billiards break of 419 by S. Jones, of Abertillery, and a snooker break of 99 by B. Gravenor, also of Abertillery, have won the Billiards Association and Control Council amateur competitions for silver cups and gold medals for 1936.

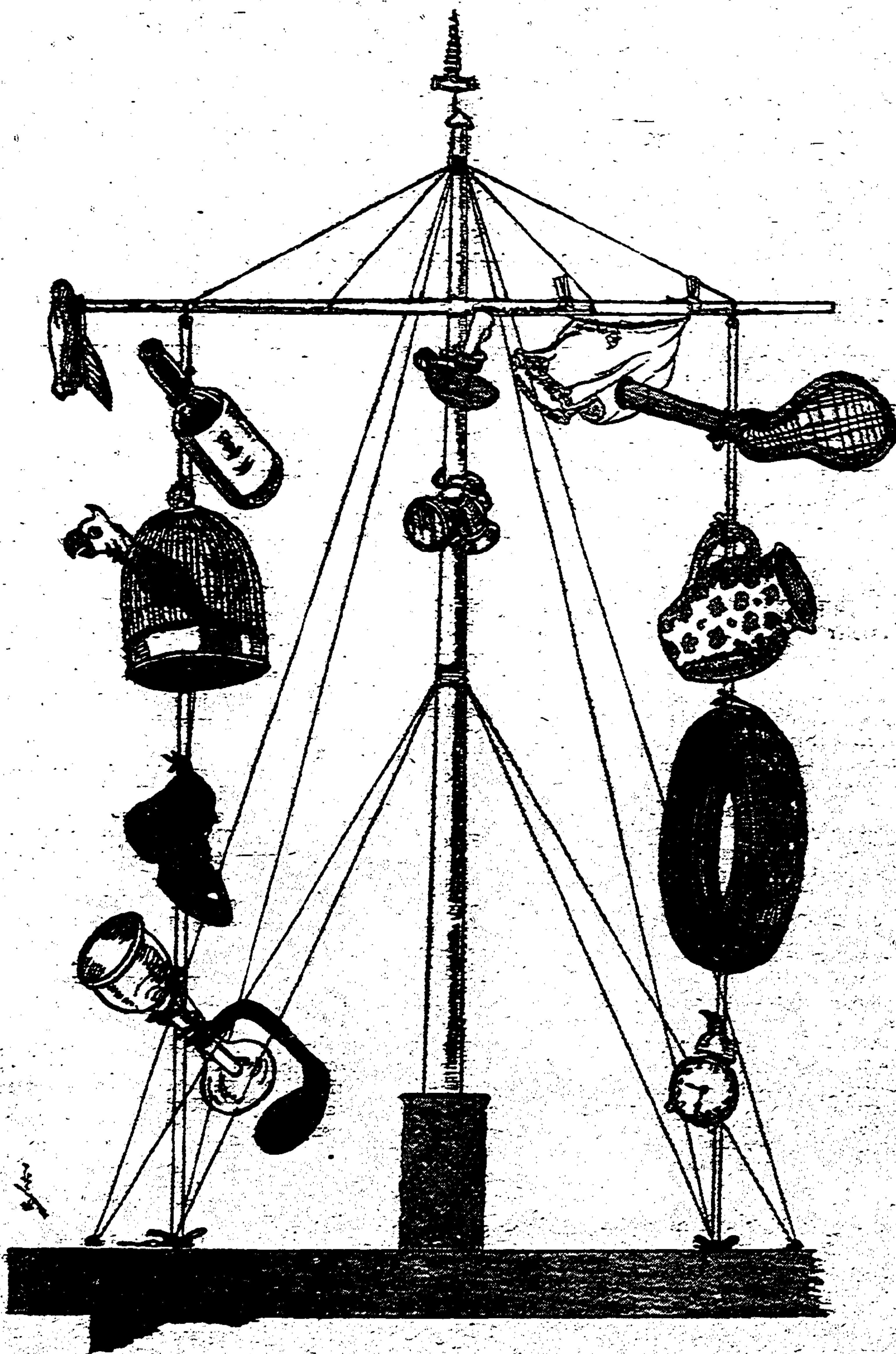
Jones's break falls thirty short of the best ever recorded in the competition — 449 made by Reginald Wright, Leicestershire champion in 1934 — but Gravenor has made a new snooker record.

Two players W. B. Marshall and K. Kennerley have qualified for the competitions proper of the English amateur snooker and billiards championships.

The dual title has been won only once, Laurie Steeples taking both championships in 1930.



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BATTING FIGURES GENERALLY LOW

M. EL ARCULLI STILL LEADS BOWLING

(By "ADREM")

AS a result of their fine innings last Saturday, H. B. Neve, of the Club, D. J. N. Anderson, of the K.C.C., and F. M. el Arculli, of the I.R.C., move to second, third and fourth places, respectively, in the First Division batting figures. An almost complete absence of high averages this season seems to indicate a superiority of the ball over the bat.

M. EL ARCULLI OF THE I.R.C., DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE HAS NOT SECURED A WICKET IN HIS LAST TWO MATCHES, RETAINS HIS POSITION AT THE HEAD OF THE BOWLERS WITH 6.20, ALTHOUGH R. E. LEE, OF THE K.C.C., R. L. HOLDEN, OF THE CLUB, AND A. R. MINU, OF THE I.R.C., HAVE SECURED THE MOST VICTIMS.

Second Division batting and bowling figures will be published in Friday's editions.

FIRST DIVISION BATTING

(Qualification, two completed innings, average 15 and over).

	Inns.	H. S.	Not Out	Aggr.	Ave.
N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.)	4	60	0	200	50.00
H. B. Neve (H.K.C.C.)	6	73	1	214	42.80
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	5	72	0	194	38.80
F. M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	2	57	0	67	33.50
Lt. Garthwaite (Army)	5	65	0	167	33.40
F. A. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	6	53	2	117	29.25
Capt. Mitchell (Army)	2	55	0	56	28.00
T. E. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	3	34	0	82	27.33
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	5	49*	1	108	27.00
J. E. Richardson (C.S.C.C.)	6	67	0	159	26.50
G. Souza (C.C.C.)	7	73	1	178	25.43
W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	6	56	0	149	24.83
E. R. A. Triggs (Navy)	3	71	0	73	24.33
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	6	58	0	144	24.00
A. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	7	51	0	152	21.71
L. T. Ride (University)	5	64	0	108	21.60
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	5	41*	1	85	21.25
D. McLellan (C.S.C.C.)	5	55	1	84	21.00
F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	7	57*	1	123	20.50
R. D. Gillespie (H.K.C.C.)	5	58*	1	80	20.00
F. Baker (C.S.C.C.)	6	34	1	99	19.80
R. Lee (K.C.C.)	5	55	0	93	18.60
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	5	36*	1	74	18.50
Capt. Ryland (Army)	2	20	0	35	17.50
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	7	74	0	120	17.14
Comdr. Wauchope (Navy)	5	42*	2	49	16.33
Lt. the Hon. G. R. Clegg-Hill (Army)	5	24	1	61	15.25

* Signifies not out.

FIRST DIVISION BOWLING

(Qualification, Three matches, average of 20 or under).

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	31.1	9	62	10	6.20
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	27	6	70	10	7.00
C. W. Haynes (C.S.C.C.)	23	3	53	6	8.83
Capt. Whitmarsh (Navy)	38	7	107	11	9.73
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	52.1	12	137	14	9.78
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	14.1	3	51	5	10.20
R. L. Holden (H.K.C.C.)	61.2	12	219	21	10.43
R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	10.5	28	241	23	10.48
A. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	24.5	8	67	6	11.17
F. Baker (C.S.C.C.)	60.2	15	159	14	11.35
D. McLellan (C.S.C.C.)	52	8	182	16	11.37
Lt. Prichard (Army)	45.3	4	198	17	11.65
Tel. Tufnell (Navy)	37.2	10	107	9	11.89
E. L. Gosano (University)	59	16	160	13	12.30
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	90.3	20	286	22	13.00
A. K. Ismail (C.C.C.)	41.4	4	161	12	13.33
B. D. Lay (K.C.C.)	59	9	200	15	13.33
A. E. Perry (C.S.C.C.)	29.2	4	116	8	13.75
R. L. D. Wodehouse (H.K.C.C.)	33	2	158	10	15.80
T. A. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	33	4	132	7	18.85
G. Souza (C.C.C.)	55.3	5	208	11	18.91
A. C. J. Howler (H.K.C.C.)	44	4	174	9	19.33



A. R. Minu, above, has captured 22 wickets this season.

WARNOCK MONTANA FIGHT PLANS

To Meet At End Of March

London, February 15.

Negotiations are in progress for a fight between Small Montana, the Filipino, and Jimmy Warnock, the Belfast holder of the Irish fly-weight championship, at Wembley Empire Pool towards the end of March.

Len Harvey, the Wembley match-maker, said last night that Warnock had agreed to such a contest. It was Montana who lost the world fly-weight championship to Benny Lynch, and it is Warnock who is due to meet Lynch at a Glasgow open-air fight in June.

Warnock, in a catch-weight fight, is the only boxer to beat Lynch since the world champion came into prominence.

CARDIFF RUGBY WIN OVER OXFORD

London, To-day.—In the only major Rugby match played yesterday, Cardiff beat Oxford University by 13 points to 8.—Reuter.

INDIAN POLO TEAM FOR ENGLAND

Sixty Ponies Will Be Taken

New Delhi, February 20.

A strong Indian polo team, assembled by the Nawab of Bhopal, who will act as captain, will leave for England next month. The team is: Back Nawab of Bhopal (9); No. 1, Thakur Pirthi Singh (7); No. 2, Capt. H. C. Walford (7); No. 3, Rao Rajo Hanut Singh (8).

The team is undergoing strenuous training and a number of trial matches have been played. In one of these Princess Gauhar-I-Taj Rania Sultan, heiress apparent to Bhopal State, took part. She is claimed to be the first Indian woman to play polo.

In England the side will compete in the Hurlingham, Empire, Roehampton, Ranelagh, Champion and Coronation cups, and the Indian Princess Challenge Shield. The players hope to sail on March 25, and will take with them about 60 ponies.

CORINTHIANS-CASUALS NEW GROUND

If the proposed amalgamation of the Corinthians and Casuals football clubs is carried through and negotiations with the War Office are satisfactorily concluded, the new club will lease Woolwich Stadium for home matches next season, according to Mr. J. G. Stevenson, the Corinthians hon. secretary, yesterday.

"Until the proposed amalgamation comes about, however, nothing definite can be said," he added.



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KING AND QUEEN TO SEE GRAND NATIONAL SNOW, SLEET AND RAIN TO MAKE IT GREAT TEST OF ENDURANCE

London, To-day.

Extra charm will be added to the Grand National, which will be run at Aintree on Friday, by the fact that the King and Queen will be present.



The "Ambling Alp"—Primo Carnera, above, has completely recovered from his attack of paralysis, which affected his right leg last year and is keen on staging a comeback.

Their Majesties are staying at Knowsley Hall with the Earl of Derby, and it will be the first time for many years that the reigning monarch has attended the race which this year celebrates its centenary.

Snow, hail, sleet and torrential and constant rain will make the National one of the greatest tests of endurance for man and beast in the history of the race, yet many owners are almost optimistic.

The owners of Didoric, Buchthorn, Dawnar, Don Bradman, Dryburgh, Ego, Spionaud, Puckabell and Royal Mail are expecting wins.

On the other hand Mr. Owen Anthony, trainer of Golden Miller who is participating for the fifth time, once again starting favourite in spite of his lapses in the past two years, only says he expects the horse to run well.

Although several runners are American-owned, What Have You is the only "all-American" horse in the race.

Its rider, Street, the American champion amateur jockey, is hopeful of victory.—Reuter.

SOUTHPORT HELD BY BARROW

London, To-day.—In a Third Division (North) League football match played yesterday, Southport were held at home to a draw by Barrow, the teams sharing six goals.—Reuter.

liked from S. A. Gray and Miss A. Mackenzie the scores being 15-1, 15-2.

The winners jumped into their best form from the start and with their opponents evidently finding the conditions rather trying, scored at will. Gray made the mistake of trying to out-drive Oliveira with fatal consequences, the resulting returns coming back at a greater pace than he could cope with. Miss Mackenzie was evidently not seeing them.

The Recreio pair were not sufficiently extended to allow their form to be gauged.

POOR BADMINTON LAST NIGHT

RECREIO PAIR'S
EASY WIN

CARVALHO MAY NOT PLAY HIS TIE

Last night's badminton at King's College in the Semi-Final Round of the Colony Mixed Doubles championship, proved to be extraordinarily disappointing. L. A. Carvalho, who with Miss Cynthia Silva, was to have played P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo, is laid up with an attack of malaria and there is now a great deal of doubt as to whether this match will be played at all as Carvalho is hardly likely to be fit enough by next week to indulge in anything so violent.

The only game played lasted less than 15 minutes and was farcical to say the least. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva won as they

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The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 12th to 22nd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1936.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th March to 23rd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 25th March 1937, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th March 1937, both days inclusive.

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HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

ISLAND	
Victoria Peak	1,823 Feet
Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
MAINLAND	
Tai-mo-shan	3,124 Feet
Kowloon Peak	1,971

GENERAL NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on Saturday, 27th and MONDAY, 29th March, 1937, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 18th March, 1937.

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The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 31st March, 1937, both days inclusive.

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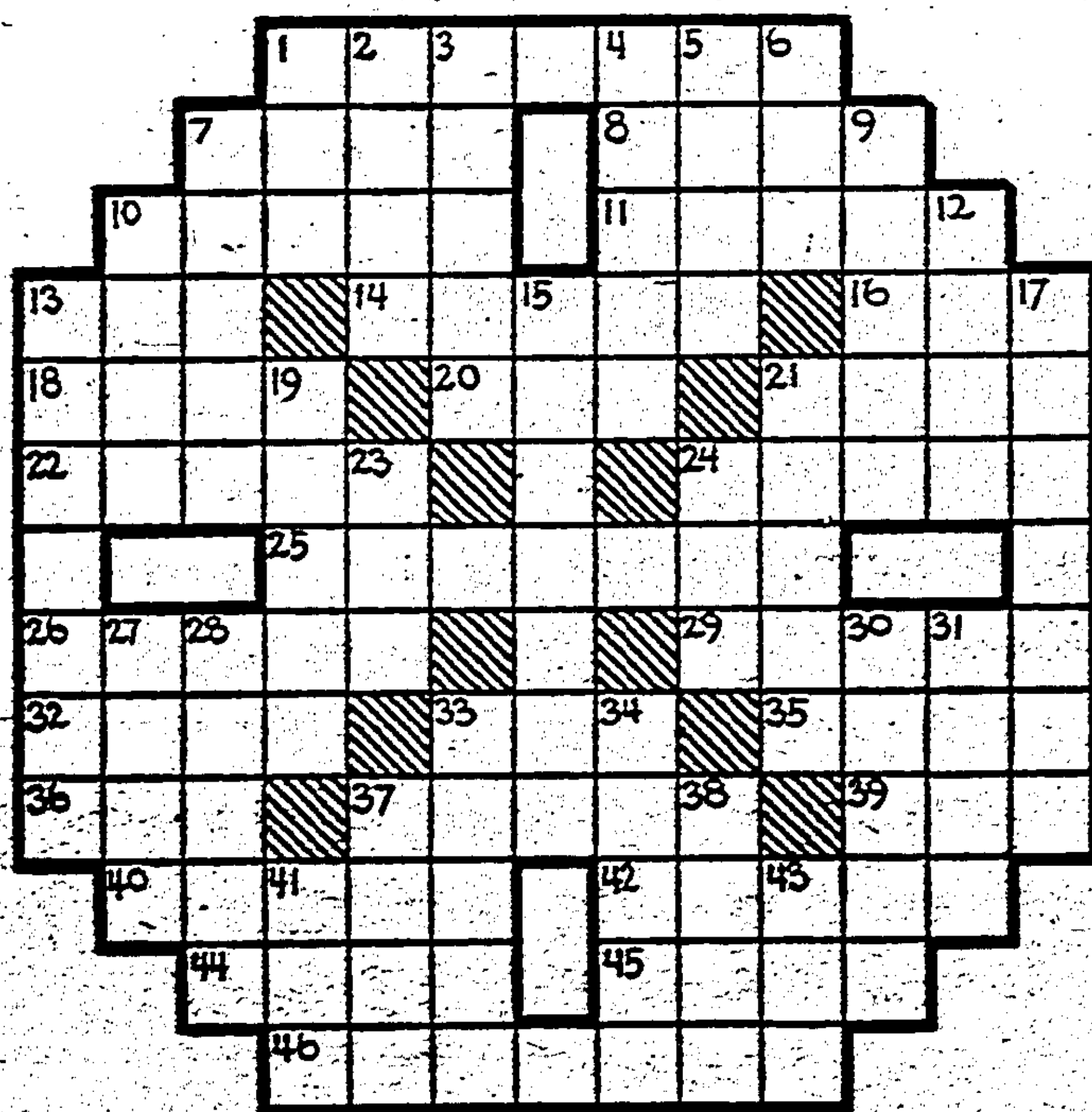
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Defame
- 7—Mature
- 8—Gain
- 10—Type of auto
- 11—Vehemently
- 13—High priest (Bible)
- 14—Outlook
- 16—End
- 18—Stunted animal
- 20—A naval title (abbr.)
- 21—Only
- 22—Malicious burning of a building
- 24—Pertaining to the inside
- 25—Remarkable
- 26—Terminated
- 29—Shell of rock
- 32—Portuguese coin (pl.)
- 33—Twice

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 35—Soft sheepskin leather
- 36—River in Poland
- 37—Eradicates
- 39—Perch
- 40—Allude
- 42—To disconcert
- 44—Satisfy
- 45—A hard fruit (pl.)
- 46—Surrenders

VERTICAL

- 1—Assist
- 2—Mineral springs
- 3—Plural of penny
- 4—Harvests
- 5—Identical
- 6—Epoch
- 7—Checks

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 9—An element
- 10—To slight
- 12—Egyptian river
- 13—Rubbers
- 15—Provinces of Canada
- 17—By the hundred
- 19—Sounds
- 21—Jeer
- 23—Bow the head
- 24—Sick
- 27—Closes by
- 28—Eats
- 30—Gives medicine to
- 31—Manner of walking
- 33—Wearies
- 34—Wounded by a sting
- 37—Network
- 38—Twisted
- 41—Distant
- 43—Streets (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

WEAK OLD ASPS
INTEND ASSERT
STONE PALEO
HEN SA DE MEW
RESTS ELEAN
IS OSSICLE ST
N JERK PO
NO BENEATH LN
SPENT SOALS
OPE AS EN ALD
GREAT ARRAY
RELIES ALPINE
EYED PUT ENDS

STONECUTTERS BOMBED IN LOCAL WAR GAMES

Britain Loses Great Statesman

London, To-day.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Conservative "elder statesman," died at his London residence at 6 o'clock yesterday evening from heart failure.

Sir Austen, who was 74 years of age, had been confined to his house for past few days.

Political friends and opponents and newspapers of all shades of opinion vie with each other this morning in paying warm tributes to Sir Austen.

They point out that, with the exception of Mr. Lloyd George, he was longer a Member of the House of Commons than any other.

Worldwide tributes generally mention Locarno as his greatest achievement.

OPPOSITION TRIBUTES

Major Attlee, leader of the Labour Party in the House of Commons, declared that the country had lost a great Parliamentarian and a very great gentleman.

"The Times" says that he never failed to show the high qualities which are the proudest possession of his country in its political leaders.

"The Daily Herald" says that his integrity was superb. Such men, of whatever creed or party, are a priceless asset to the nation. Britain and Empire will be the poorer by his loss.—Reuter.

(Obituary Notice appears in Page 11)

LAWYER SUES S.M.C.

ROAD BARRICADE SEQUEL

Shanghai, To-day.

The situation arising from the action of the Shanghai Municipal Council in barricading an area on an extra-settlement road in which Chinese residents refused to pay taxes, took a dramatic turn to-day.

Mr. S. Y. Yih, a Chinese lawyer who lives in the blockaded area, filed suit with the Consular Body for an injunction to prevent the Council from continuing the "blockade."

Mr. Yih states that he has paid his taxes and reserves the right to claim damages for wrongful disbarment from municipal privileges.

Meanwhile the Council and the Chinese authorities in Greater Shanghai are reported to be on the verge of an agreement heralding the end of the "blockade."—Reuter.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is moving eastward, pressure being highest over the Yellow Sea; Depressions are situated to the north of Hokkaido, over Central Japan, and over the Visayas.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy.

REDLAND AND BLUELAND NOW AT WAR ENEMY BLUEJACKETS LAND AT HEBE HAVEN BUT WITHDRAW

Redland is at war with Blueiland.

At 12.30 p.m. to-day a formation of Blue aircraft dropped bombs on Stonecutters Island, without, however, causing more serious damage than wrecking the Officers' Mess and ruining the recreation rooms. Red anti-aircraft guns replied.

Prior to that a small party of Blue seamen were reported to have landed in Blue Haven from a junk; they were observed to re-embark. Dawn air reconnaissance this morning reported the party of troops marching along the northern shores of Mirs Bay to have bivouacked some ten miles east of Shataukok. Civilians say that these are Blue troops, but their identity cannot be verified.

Last night passed without incident. The Officer Commanding, Kumaon Rifles, in the absence of Volunteer elements, pushed out a detachment to the shores of Starling Inlet.

VOULENTEER REPORTING

This afternoon, some sixty Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps personnel report for duty at Mainland Headquarters. Among these will be the motorized troop and Captain Potts, the Armoured Car Section and certain machine gun sub-units, and some greatly needed motor despatch rider personnel belonging to the Volunteer Signals sub-unit. Of even greater significance to Redland's defence will be personnel of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteers Force to augment Redland's Naval patrol organization.

The organized life of the Colony continues without undue disturbances. The activities of the Food Controller reported yesterday do not interfere with the ability to purchase in the shops and retail establishments; consequently there are no serious attempts to hoard food.

The Banks continue firm.

"RECRUITING"

Recruiting Centres for enrolment in the Volunteers are busy night and day, in spite of the prevalent influenza, and men are being equipped and drafted to their allotted report centres. Personnel of St. John Ambulance Brigade are being drafted to military centres in the field as well as in the military hospitals. Thanks to the willingness of the medical and other students at the University, the requirements of the Civil Medical organization are being satisfactorily met.

Redland's degree of readiness is being developed. In spite of the first hostile bombs the Red population is calm and firm.

For failing to supply the Police with a list of arrivals by the S.S. Stuttgart on February 9, Messrs. Meichers & Co. were this morning fined \$50 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy.

Mr. I. Redloff said there were many arrivals and it was Chinese New Year time. The list was made out but owing to pressure of work was filed instead of being forwarded to the Police.

Huge Heroin Seizure

JAPANESE PLEADS IGNORANCE SESSIONS TRIAL

That the amount of heroin discovered in the accused's possession was sufficient to supply each member of the local Chinese community with 20 pills each was revealed during the trial of a 40-year-old Japanese, Kepakio Itabashi, who was charged with possession of 724 ounces of heroin and with importing 724 ounces of heroin into the Colony on January 4 last, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused was represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon and Mr. Hin Shing-lo, who were instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, of Messrs. Lyson and Hall, while the Crown was represented by the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. M. J. Abbott.

The jurors empanelled were Messrs. A. C. L. Bowker, J. G. Buis, Jow Kwan-bok, W. P. Ogley, P. A. O'Bow Hove, G. A. V. Ribeiro and Mok Hing-cheong.

ALLEGED BRIBERY ATTEMPT

Opening the case, the Assistant Crown Solicitor stated that at 7.30 a.m. on January 4 last Revenue Officer Ward was on board the S. S. Hupeh, berthed alongside the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamship wharf, supervising the searching of the passengers' luggage. Officer Ward sent accused to the wharf to have his property searched by Officer Warden.

Officer Warden was about to open one of the boxes which were found in the basket when the accused addressed him and asked him not to open them as they belonged to a friend. In examining the box, which contained fruit, Officer Warden discovered a packet of whitish powder in a false bottom. As he was about to phone the head office, the accused snatched the telephone receiver out of Officer Ward's hand and said "Don't ring up the big office. I will give you and the Chinese gentleman \$3,000 each if you will let me go." Officer Ward ignored him and communicated with Chief Preventive Officer W. J. Buller, who later arrived and took charge of the accused's property. Accused was charged later during the day.

In reply to the charge, Accused said, "I have nothing to say. I do not know the laws of Hong Kong. Please deal with me according to

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Boomlike conditions rubber market anticipated. "Financial News" says demand likely favour rising prices. Not inconceivable price rise four shillings. Regarded certain price remain over one shilling remainder of year.—Reuter.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

Mr. Edward Samuel Cunningham, of No. 70-70, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, has announced that his marriage to Miss Constance Lam, of No. 9, Jordan Road, will shortly take place.

Mr. Hans Ruecher, of No. 19, Lyemoo Buildings, and Miss Lisl Bernn, of the same address, have also announced their forthcoming wedding.

the laws of the Hong Kong Government." In answer to the second charge, he replied "I had no knowledge that they were contraband goods. I came to know that they were contraband goods when they were imported in Hong Kong and found by the Revenue Officers. But they do not belong to me, and it was not I who imported them. It was against my will that I had incidentally committed the charges."

Mr. Abbott added that an ounce of heroin was sufficient to produce between 20,000 to 30,000 pills. The amount found in the accused's possession could produce about 18,100,000 pills, sufficient to supply each member of the local Chinese community with 20 pills each.

Mr. W. M. Thomson, Assistant Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, testified that accused said that two women in Tientsin gave him the luggage and that they had possibly come down to Hong Kong by the same boat. The accused was vague in describing the two women. Two women who came down by the same boat were brought before him but he failed to identify them as being the women who, he alleged, gave him the luggage.

Mr. Sheldon stated that when the accused was about to leave Tientsin for Hong Kong, where he had been offered a position as teacher of Japanese, Wong requested him to take some presents to his clansman and family. The accused's luggage consisted only of one suit case, the rest belonging to Wong, his acquaintance in Tientsin, who handed them over to the accused in the Pak Yeong Hotel in Tientsin.

After being arrested on his arrival the accused spoke to Revenue Officer Ward in Mandarin saying that his friend lived on the third floor of the Sun Wah Hotel, which sounded to the Officer as being English amounting to "Pay you \$3,000."

Two witnesses, Lee Man-jin and Fan Chik-chen from Tientsin, are now giving evidence for the defence.

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